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Prices and Prospects.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Production and Output.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING JAN 13, 1912				WEEK ENDING JAN 6 1912			
District	Ovens	In	Out.	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	23,205	17,033	6,173	229,806	23,205	16,163	7,045	183,885
Lower Connellsville	15,565	12,197	3,368	161,626	15,597	11,930	3,667	139,021
Totals	38,773	29,230	9,541	391,432	38,805	28,093	10,712	322,906
Furnace Ovens								
Connellsville	18,565	13,844	4,721	186,800	18,565	12,974	5,591	144,811
Lower Connellsville	5,571	4,504	1,067	60,260	4,615	3,483	1,132	40,445
Totals	24,136	18,348	5,788	247,060	23,180	16,457	6,723	185,256
Merchant Ovens								
Connellsville	4,643	3,189	1,454	43,006	4,643	3,193	1,174	39,074
Lower Connellsville	9,994	7,693	2,301	101,366	10,982	8,447	2,535	98,576
Totals	14,637	10,882	3,755	144,372	15,625	11,636	3,989	137,650

SHIPMENTS	WEEK ENDING JAN 13 1912	WEEK ENDING JAN 6, 1912
To Pittsburg	3,620 Cars.	3,314 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburg	5,051 Cars	4,955 Cars
To Points East of the Region.	670 Cars	826 Cars
Totals	9,341 Cars	9,095 Cars.

PRICES DO NOT FIGURE IN BUYING.

In Past Week Everything Yielded to Question of Finding Coke

TO KEEP THE FURNACES RUNNING

Furnace Brought From $1.85 to $2 For Prompt Delivery—Scarcity Continued Because of Weather—Little Interest in Contract Market

Special to The Weekly Courier

PITTSBURG, Jan 17.—Everything has yielded in the past week to the question of finding coke with which to keep the furnaces running. Many of the furnaces have been dangerously short and in purchasing prompt coke price has been a secondary consideration, the chief question being whether the coke could be shipped. There is no regular market price, each transaction being a law to itself. Frequently a purchase has been made on a price named without the buyer taking time to see if the coke could be bought more cheaply elsewhere because the seller would not hold the offer open.

As a result of this condition sales of prompt furnace coke have been made in the past week at all prices from $1.85 to $2, no sales being heard of outside these prices for furnace although foundry coke has brought as high as $2.25 and perhaps occasionally more for single carloads. The total sales of prompt coke have however not been particularly large, the feature of the market being the insistence of some buyers for small lots.

The scarcity would have eased off before this had it not been for the extremely cold weather which has made the men indifferent to work, has interposed physical difficulties at the operations and has delayed railroad traffic. Last Saturday a coal train which would be a normal load for one locomotive was stalled with four locomotives.

While coke is now practically as scarce as it has been at any time in the past four weeks there are slight signs of a letting up. In two or three instances furnaces have requested suspension of shipments for two or three days. This however is no guide to conditions at other furnaces. While the ones in question were getting normal shipments and wished to use up stocks accumulated against the possibility of trouble other furnaces are in as great need of coke as ever.

Charges are being made that some operators are taking coke which they should ship on contract and disposing of it in the spot market on account of being able to secure 25 or 30 cents per ton more. Whether these charges are true or not it is a familiar recollection in the coke industry that last summer furnaces were caught buying spot coke at $1.40 or thereabouts and taking less than their requirements on contract at about $1.60. Human nature it is said does not vary much the world over.

Very little interest is manifested in contract coke at this time on account of the excitement in the prompt market. One contract however is noted at $1.80 and this is the minimum with some operators asking $1.90 and $2.

Foundry coke has puzzled, aided in the scarcity and small lots have sold at all the way from $2 to $2.25 with perhaps a few sales at still higher prices. The demand for foundry coke however has been relatively light.

Prices cannot be quoted closely as the market varies from day to day but the following are representative of what has been done this week:

Prompt furnace	$1.85@$2.00
Contract furnace	$1.80@$1.90
Prompt foundry	$2.00@$2.25
Contract foundry	$2.10@$2.25

The pig iron market has been quiet but is very firm and foundry grades are showing a slight advancing tendency though prices are not quotably higher.

FEBRUARY 21 IS DATE SET FOR COKE RATE PROTEST

Independent Producers Receive Word That Testimony Will Be Taken in Washington Then

Secretary E. H. Howe of the Independent Coke Producers Association has been notified that the hearing in the rate protest the coke operators are making against the railroads of the Connellsville coke region will be held on February 21. The original date was December 15 but this was continued until January 18. The second postponement was made at the request of the operators.

Wade H. Ellis of Ohio has been retained to represent the interests of the coke producers who expect to present a strong case before the special examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Track in Tunnel

The Western Maryland track has been laid from Cumberland to and into Big Savage tunnel and work on the second track has been started. The line will be double tracked at this time between Cumberland and Big Savage.

Falls Into Creek

Mike Mondsela, aged 29 years, of Butte, was taken to the Uniontown hospital Sunday night. He fell into the creek at Leisenring No. 2 and almost froze to death.

LULL IN STEEL MARKET.

Condition Is Sharp Contrast to Activity Preceding Holidays

NEW YORK, Jan 18.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Review says:

"The iron and steel markets continue quiet, making a sharp contrast with the activity which prevailed for several weeks prior to the holidays. In some quarters the quietness has caused considerable uneasiness. In other quarters it is simply the expected which has happened, intensified by the extremely cold weather which has stopped outside operations entirely in many localities.

"In the past week specifications for finished steel products have been only fair, averaging between 60 and 70% of current production. New business has been still lighter. The mills booked from 70 to 100% in excess of output during a portion of November and practically all of December could stand a prolongation of the present quietness into February, in some cases into March without having operations interfered with. To those who feared there was 'too fast a pace' in the closing weeks of last year the present lull should prove very comforting.

Prices of steel products have not suffered at any point except that the Chicago market is a little more open and iron bars is well below the $1.1 Pittsburg basis which is well maintained except in the West while there are rumors of occasional slashing in some sheet products.

The best market judges insist in most reasonably that market experience since January 1st is no criterion on account of inventories and other annual adjustments as well as the extremely cold weather interfering with the normal flow of business and point out that judgment should be suspended until the close of the month.

REPORTED THAT JOHN D. NOW CONTROLS WESTERN MARYLAND

Has Two Representatives on the Board and Is Credited With Owning Controlling Interest

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller has assumed control of the Western Maryland railroad. It is understood that Mr. Rockefeller is the largest individual stockholder. He has two representatives on the board of directors in Frederick T. Gates and Henry E. Cooper. Among the other directors are [illegible] D. Adams representative of the Deutsche Bank of [illegible] W. Kirch president of the Equitable and Winslow S. Pierce formerly [illegible] associate with George J. Gould but now with Kuhn, Loeb & Company. In the reorganization of the Wabash Mr. Gould is also director but control of the road passed from him when it was reorganized.

The personnel of the Western Maryland board is of timely interest because of the new financing that has just been announced. The company is completing an eighty-seven mile extension to connect with the P. & L. E. for which provision has already been made and proposes to use the receipts from the sale of $8,000,000 notes in the acquisition of equipment, expansion of terminal and yard properties and generally the enlargement of facilities. It is one of the few railroads that have recently gone in for new construction and anyone who thinks its policy foolish is referred to the directory containing the names of men controlling the railroads. From its policy of expansion no other inference can be drawn than that its directors anticipate good times for the railroads. Also the fact that Mr. Rockefeller is still [illegible] if not dominant in the affairs of the company is an interesting commentary on the widely circulated reports about bearish sentiment at 26 Broadway.

ENOUGH CARS TO MEET DEMAND SAY B. & O. MEN

Cold Weather Has Impeded Movement of Traffic But Supply Is Equal to the Demand

Although the general movement of Baltimore & Ohio freight cars has been retarded to some degree during the recent cold spell Car Distributor Joseph Page Tuesday announced that the company had plenty of cars on hand and that there had been no trouble from a car shortage.

At the local yards it has been noticeable for the past few days a slight decrease in number of cars used but the number on hand is sufficient to meet the demand. Railroad men are becoming accustomed to the weather conditions and it is expected will make better time than heretofore. This means that all trains on the road will be running on schedule within a few days. Local railroad men are expecting a break in weather conditions in the next week.

New Locomotive Plant

The new western plant of the Baldwin Locomotive Works will be located in the Calumet region of Indiana. The works will employ 15,000 men when complete.

To Have an Abbatoir

A $25,000 packing house and abbatoir will be built in Uniontown by local capital headed by F. S. Lackey, William Lackey and others.

Boy Scouts Grow

There are now 6,000 scoutmasters registered with the Boy Scouts.

BIG STEEL PLANT FOR INDEPENDENTS.

Mahoning Valley Furnaces Merged in $15,000,000 Corporation.

TO BUILD OPEN HEARTH PLANT

There Will Be Blooming Billet and Bar Mills—For 10 Years Those Interested Have Been Making Plans for the Combination

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan 1[illegible].—The consolidation of the big independent merchant blast furnaces of the valley with a number of finishing mills in a $15,000,000 corporation was practically consummated yesterday when it was agreed to organize a company to be known as the Brier Hill Steel Company for the purpose of building a big open hearth plant in Brier Hill in connection with the plants of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company, the Youngstown Steel Company and the Thomas Steel Company of Niles.

For 10 years plans have been laid for the organization of such a company. The Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company and the Youngstown Steel Company, which are owned by the Stambaugh and Todd interests, have been preparing for the day when it will be necessary for the independent furnaces to have a steel plant of their own.

The two companies have large ore interests in the Superior regions and also interests in the coke district which are second only to those of the United States Steel Corporation.

For years the two furnaces of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company and the Youngstown Steel Company have been the backbone of the Mahoning and Shenango Valley Bessemer Pig Iron Association. Recently the United States Steel Corporation and the independents which have in the past bought largely of the Bessemer pig iron have been increasing their own pure, and the independent furnaces have been without an outlet.

The companies in the past 10 years have been buying large tracts of land just west of the furnace of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company and have sufficient land to build the plant proposed—a 12 open hearth steel plant with blooming, billet and bar mills together with other finishing mills.

Among the men directly interested in the project are [illegible] H. Stambaugh, John Tod, David Tod, John Stambaugh, [illegible] Ford, [illegible] C. Stewart and [illegible] Butler Jr. of Youngstown, W. Aubrey Thomas of Niles and Thomas H. Wilson of Cleveland.

There will be no bonds issued and all the stock has been subscribed in addition to holdings now in the merger controls certain terminal and steamship interests.

WEST PENN SEEKS FRANCHISE FROM UNIONTOWN COUNCIL

Three Ordinances Were Presented Last Night by Right of Way Agent [illegible] Brasheur

With the view to an early completion of its new line between Connellsville and Uniontown which which has already been constructed to Phillips within two miles of the county seat Right of Way Agent F. F. Brasheur of the West Penn on Tuesday submitted three franchise ordinances to the Town Council of Uniontown.

Three different routes are covered in the ordinances. If they are passed it will give the West Penn several methods by which the line can be completed. Because of the exorbitant prices asked for rights of way outside the borough it may be necessary to make a change in present plans and the passage of these ordinances will make this possible.

STRIKE THREATENED.

Retired British Miners May Cause Tieup of Industry

[illegible]

SNOWED UNDER

Took an Hour to Get Freight Train Out of Drift

After running into a siding to load freight a Baltimore & Ohio freight train yesterday afternoon was snowed in near Somerset so that it could not be moved for upwards of an hour. The train had run into a siding about two miles from Somerset and was on its way to Uniontown. All efforts on the part of the crew to get the engine through the drift were fruitless. [illegible] with a velocity only known to inhabitants of that region making the work more difficult.

Word was sent to Somerset and after an hour's delay another engine arrived helping draw the train through the drift.

Wants River Wharf

Donora wants a wharf so that river transportation can be utilized.

ANOTHER WEEK FOR MINE RESCUE CAR

It is to Remain in Uniontown Longer Than Was Expected.

CLASS OF 10 MEN IS BOOKED

This Is the Most Satisfactory Number to Instruct in First Aid Work and Use of Rescue Equipment—Car is Ready for Emergency Calls

[illegible]

Mills to Resume

Six [illegible] mills of the [illegible] this year [illegible] have been ordered [illegible] out on account of the cold weather.

Killed by Falling Tree

William F. Shearer, aged [illegible], was instantly killed near Kittanning when a tree fell upon him.

USE MUCH COAL.

According to Geological Survey Railroads Keep Price too Low

[illegible]

MINERS DEMANDS

Anthracite Workers Want One Year Agreement and 20% Increase

[illegible]

Auto Plant For Brushton

It is announced that the [illegible] Motor Car Company has finally selected [illegible] Brushton, a suburb of Pittsburg, for its proposed new plant.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS IMPAIR COKE TRADE.

Uplift Has Actually Come but is Weighed Down by Zero Weather.

MORE THAN 4,000 OVENS FIRED.

Prices Better But Not What Operators Think They Should Be—Merger May Be Taken Up Seriously After Freight Rate Cases Are Disposed Of.

The Connellsville coke trade is considerably better in its prospect [illegible]. The uplift has finally come but it has been weighed down by severe manufacturing and shipping conditions. Within the past three weeks over 4,000 idle ovens have been ordered into blast but they have been unable to get their productive capacity because of the necessary delay in supplying on so short a notice the complement of men. This complement is a small industrial army aggregating between four and five thousand men. The extreme cold weather has also been a serious handicap. The railroads have plenty of equipment for the movement of Connellsville coke but during [illegible] weather it is impossible to haul its normal capacity while wrecks and other weather reasons contribute materially to the obstruction of traffic.

Though prices are very much better than [illegible] but the operators think they should be and after the freight rate cases are disposed of it is possible that this matter may again be taken up seriously. It is conceded that the selling agency proposition [illegible] abandoned as impossible. It would not be possible to make membership [illegible]. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the effective remedy for the situation is a merger of interests into one consolidating corporation. Discussion of this remedy for coke region depression has been pretty general in the inner circles of coke production for some time past. Most of the work has already been done upon the proposition and all it seems to need is a practical target.

Production last week made a gain of [illegible] tons over the week before. The total being 391,432 tons as compared with 322,906 tons. The furnace ovens showed an increase of 102,[illegible] tons while the merchant ovens [illegible]. This was the showing in both instances, being due in part to the transfer of the Colonial plants of the Steel Coke Company from the merchant to the furnace column.

The running time increased from [illegible] days to [illegible] days. The average of the furnace ovens was [illegible] days compared with [illegible] days while the merchant ovens averaged [illegible] days as against [illegible] days.

Of the 18,348 furnace ovens in operation 60 ran seven days, 17,6[illegible] ran six days and 66[illegible] ran five days.

Of the 10,882 merchant ovens in operation 10,0[illegible] ran six days, 540 ran five days and 170 ran four days.

Of the entire [illegible] ovens in operation [illegible] ran seven days, [illegible] ran six days, [illegible] ran five days and 170 ran four days.

Shipments increased 246 cars as compared with the preceding week, the total being 9,341 cars as against 9,095 cars. Shipments to Pittsburg made a gain of 30[illegible] cars and to points west 96 cars while eastbound shipments fell off 156 cars.

The number of active ovens in the region was increased by the blowing in of the following ovens: Alverton, 40; Fitner, 40; Hamilton, 20; Calumet, 30; Central, 20; Coalbrook, 100; Collier, [illegible]; Continental No. 2, 20; Continental No. [illegible], [illegible]; Crossland, 100; Davidson, 20; Hecla No. 1, 20; Leisenring No. 1, [illegible]; Leisenring No. 2, [illegible]; Leisenring No. [illegible], [illegible]; Leith, 20; [illegible]mont No. [illegible], [illegible]; Mutual, 100; Phillips, 20; Redstone, [illegible]; Standard, [illegible]; White, 100; Wynn, 20; York Run, [illegible]; Bridgeport, 100; Ed[illegible]born, [illegible]; Lambert, 40; Colonial No. [illegible], 20; Crystal, [illegible]; Shamrock, 10; Price Hill, [illegible]; [illegible], total 1,137.

The total number of ovens in the region was reduced by the abandonment of 32 ovens at Annandale.

BRITONS WANT COAL.

Seek Prices on Pittsburg Fuel for Delivery in Case of Strike.

Strong prospect of a complete tie up of the coal mining industry of England this March owing to the determination of the miners [illegible] minimum wage [illegible] brought about a considerable condition of affairs in the Pittsburg coal during the past week which will likely [illegible] an immense amount of fuel being shipped to England [illegible]. [illegible] of the leading coal companies of the Pittsburg district from the British government [illegible] coal in event of the suspension of mining [illegible]. The coal is [illegible] for the British navy which has but [illegible] days reserve coal supply at the present time [illegible]. [illegible] are much disturbed over the possibility of being [illegible] with an insufficient fuel supply [illegible].

[illegible] Pittsburg operators [illegible] requirements [illegible] would be [illegible] 500,000 tons.

INDUSTRIAL BOOM HITS PUMP FIRM

Boyts, Porter & Company are Deluged With Orders for 1912.

WILL MEAN A CONTINUOUS RUN

Although the Factory Was Operated Steadily During 1911 Indications Are That This Year Will Run Close to Banner Period of 190-

Following closely on the renewed activity in the coke trade in the Connellsville region comes a statement by Boyts Porter & Company one of Connellsville's oldest and most successful concerns that they are experiencing an almost unprecedented season of prosperity. Beginning with the week before Christmas business has taken a jump forward. Heavy orders have been placed and are being placed that time.

Many inquiries are being received daily and the fame of the Yough pump is reaching distant sections of the country.

We are experiencing a revival of business conditions unrivalled since the boom times of 190- said General Manager Clarence W Hayes when seen recently. The business situation about the coke region is very strong and favorable and prospects for prosperity in a new year were never better.

The many inquiries and orders that have been placed for pumps indicates that many improvements held over for the past two years are being taken up with a view towards the revival of business. The Boyts Porter & Company shops are running full. More workmen are employed than ever before. New machinery was recently installed to supply the demand. The shops were run on full time during 1911 and the present outlook indicates that they will be much busier this year. The most popular pump being made by the local company seems to be the Deep Plunger Wood Line Mine pump closely followed by the plunger electric driven mine pump. Many orders are being placed for hot well and boiler feed pumps.

One order has been filled for the Kali Inla Coal Company of Hartshorn Okla. This is the most distant order received. Another has been filled for the East Tennessee Brewing Company of Knoxville Tenn. A tank pump was sent them. A large majority of the remaining orders are from the immediate neighborhood. Among the orders placed within the past three weeks are the following:

One 20"X10 X14 double plunger Wood Line mine pump to Mt Pleasant Connellsville Coke Company.

One 14"X8 X12 double plunger Wood Line mine pump to Rariden and East Brady Coal Company, East Brady Pa.

One 10"X8"X12 double plunger Wood Line mine pump and one 6 X4 X8" mine pump for the Rochester Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company.

One 20 X12 X30 special boiler feed pump for the Springfield Light Heat and Power Company of Springfield O.

Two 6 X4 X8 tank pumps to East Tennessee Brewing Company of Knoxville Tenn.

One - X4 X8 electric driven mine pump to Kali Inla Coal Company of Hartshorn Okla.

One 10 X1" X12 mine pump to the Yough & Ohio Coal Company.

One 15" X9 X8" boiler feed pump to Pittsburg Buffalo Company.

One 10 X5"X18" boiler feed pump to Monongahela Consolidated Coal & Coke Company.

Two 20 X20 X48 hot well pumps, one 20 X 2 X30 special boiler feed pump to Cincinnati Traction Company.

One 6 X- X8 mine pump to Quemahoning Creek Coal Company.

One 10 X8 X12 mine pump to Meyersdale Coal Company.

One 6 1- plunger electric driven mine pump to Darlington Brick & Mining Company.

One 7 X10 plunger electric driven pump to Yough Sand & Stone Company.

One 10 X8 X12 double plunger Wood Line mine pump to Jefferson Clearfield Coal & Iron Company.

One 30 X15 X36 Wood Line mine pump to Washington Coal & Coke Company.

Four mine pumps and one boiler feeder to Crucible Coal Company.

One 12 X" X18 boiler feed pump to Madie & Hill Coal Mining Company.

One 10 X8 X15 boiler feed pump to Pittsburg Westmoreland Coal Company.

One 1- X5 X1- mine pump to W J Rainey.

CATAWBA COAL COMPANY IS BEING INCORPORATED

Has Been Operated Four Years By John J Buttermore and J M Herpick at Catawba W Va

Steps were taken Wednesday afternoon to incorporate the Catawba Coal Company which has been operated for the past four years by J J Buttermore and J M Herpick well known Connellsville men at Catawba W Va. Catawba mine has proven one of the most successful coal operations on a moderate scale located in this section.

The incorporators applying under the laws of West Virginia are John J Buttermore J M Herpick Geo S Connell Geo J Herpick and J S Matthews. The company is capitalized at $10 00. The Catawba mine has been operated continuously the past four years without a single accident to an employe.

New Steel Plant

The DeBois Crucible Steel Company for the new plant to be erected near Washington Pa. A contract for the erection of three steel buildings likely will be awarded within the next week.

MORE OVENS IN BLAST.

Twice Last Week Frick Company Ordered Additional Ones Fired

Following an order for the firing up of 1 2-3 ovens Friday announcement was made later that orders were being sent out to 42 plants for firing 1 -53 ovens. This is a total of 3 -0 for this week and 1 -49 for the last two weeks. According to information given out at the Frick offices 17 190 ovens are in blast out of a total of -0 598 a percentage of 88 3 active.

The list of plants and the ovens to be fired immediately are as follows:

Adelaide 20 Alverton 40 Bitner 10 Bridgeport 100 Brinkerton 20 Buffington 20 Central 20 Coalbrook 20 Collier 20 Colonial No 1 10 Colonial No 4 20 Continental No 2 20 Continental No 3 -0 Crossland -0 Davidson -0 Dearth 20 Dorothy 20 Edenborn -0 Foootedale 30 Hecla No 1 20 Hecla No 3 20 Juniata 5 Kyle 3- Lambert 20 Leisenring No 1 -0 Leisenring No 2 -0 Leisenring No 3 50 Leith 20 Lemont 0 Mammoth 20 Oliphant 32 Phillips 20 Redstone 20 Shoaf 20 Southwest No 2 30 Standard -0 Trotter 20 Wynn 20 York Run 0 Hostetter -5 Whitney -0, total 1 -53.

Again Thursday came orders for firing more ovens of the H C Frick Coke Company in this region. The orders directed that 1 2-0 additional ovens be put in blast. This makes a total of 3 - 6 ovens to be blown in during the past two weeks. The ovens will be fired immediately.

Coalbrook was included in the list, 100 ovens to be fired there. Coalbrook was shut down April - last. At the same time the ovens at Mutual were blown out. The present orders provide for firing 115 ovens there. The list of ovens ordered fired is as follows:

Adelaide 20 Alverton 10 Bitner 40 Brinkerton 20 Buffington 0 Calumet 25 Central -0 Coalbrook 100 Collier 20 Continental No 1 20 Continental No - -0 Continental No 3 -0 Crossland 100 Davidson 20 Edenborn 10 Hostetter 25 Hecla No 1 -0 Hecla No 2 0 Hecla No 3 -0 Lambert 10 Leisenring No 1 10 Leisenring No 2 40 Leisenring No 3 10 Leith 20 Mammoth 30 Marguerite 0 Mutual 115 Phillips 20 Redstone -0 Morewood 20 Trotter 10 White 110 Wynn 0 York Run 40 Whitney -, total 1 2 0.

DEXTER COKE WORKS AGAIN TO BE FIRED; OUT SINCE '07

Stated That Connellsville Men Have Been Dealing With the J R Stauffer Estate

SCOTTDALE Jan 11—The Dexter coke works just above Scottdale and which have been out of blast since 1907 will resume operations at an early date according to statements of well informed persons. The plant was built by the late Joseph R Stauffer and his brother A K Stauffer of Scottdale in 1873 and was one of the earliest coke plants in the Connellsville region. There are 35 ovens at the plant and it was run continuously under the title of Joseph R Stauffer & Company for 33 years.

The operations will be taken up it is understood by a party of Connellsville capitalists headed by J F Kurtz Ross S Matthews and W D McGinnis. They have been in touch with the trustees of the estate of the late Joseph R Stauffer and it is said that the details of the deal have been worked out and the plant will be taken over by the new company. There is a considerable amount of fine coking coal still remaining in the hills and in anticipation of the coke boom which is now in prospect the works will be started up. The Old Home works of Stauffer & Wiley at Everson has been operated as a coal mining plant by Fred Trott for some time.

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE ON WESTERN MARYLAND LINE

Of 87 Miles of Main Line Rails to Be Laid 67 Miles Are in Place. Tunnel Now Nears Completion.

While on the Western Maryland extension the Carter company has had as many as 4 500 men working at one time this number has dwindled to about 8-0 most of whom are cleaning up and making slightly the right of way on each side of the tracks and this number will be decreased to the vanishing point within another month.

The Cumberland Connellsville line has not however ceased to be the scene of active construction operation as the railway company has about 1 000 men at work laying track of which 60 miles of main line out of a total of 8- was finished up to last Saturday evening and out of a total of 1 12- miles of main second track and sidings 80 miles were ready for service at the same time.

The bench is being rapidly removed in the Big Savage Tunnel and chief Engineer Pratt of the Western Maryland under whose direct supervision every mile of construction work has been done by the Carter Construction Company is preparing to indulge in a long breath of relief when he will shortly see about all serious obstacles overcome in one of the most difficult engineering feats ever put through in this country and in record time besides as work on the extension was not begun until July 1 1910.

MEN NEEDED

To Operate Coke Plants In the Connellsville Region

Reports from the Connellsville coke territory says the Clarksburg Telegram that there is a great scarcity of coke throughout the region with a shortage of labor. A number of coke plants are unable to start up and fill their orders owing to the lack of men while many others are running at half capacity.

The Thompson Connellsville Coke Company reports that it is working under a great handicap. The price of spot coke has reached $2 50 per ton.

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday Jan 13, 1912

Total Ovens	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P O Address
269	220	Acme	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
80		Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	120	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
356	240	Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
397	360	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182	150	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
120		Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
200	00	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
86		Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	150	Brinkerton.	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
298	120	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
260	-0	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
-2		Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
303	250	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
54	54	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
108	70	Clarissa	James Cochran Sons Co.	Dawson
120	100	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	310	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	360	Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
325	250	Continental No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	200	Continental No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	100	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	260	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40		Dexter	J R Stauffer & Co	Scottdale
230	160	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	280	Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
80	80	Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
218	186	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
125	116	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
50	40	Franklin	B F Keister & Co	Scottdale
101		Gilmore.	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
160	240	Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N Y
272	220	Hecla No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	3-0	Hecla No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
60		Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
365	300	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	225	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Junction.	Marietta Gasler Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
306	235	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
409	4-5	Leisenring No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
495	4-5	Leisenring No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	4 5	Leisenring No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	284	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	150	Lemont No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	275	Lemont No. 2.	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
22		Love	C'ville Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Mayfield	Mayfield Coke Co	Uniontown
510	450	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	370	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
25	25	Marion	Marion Coke Co	Connellsville
165	11-	Morgan	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
3 1	142	Mt. Braddock.	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
319	310	Mt Pleasant	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg, Pa
196	100	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
33		Myers	Brownfield C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
320	-2-	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
251	-	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
228	120	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
480	200	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	200	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
219	60	Painter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
-60	2-0	Paul	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
2-		Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pennsville
1-		Percy	Marietta & Snell Co	Percy
400	340	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60		Rainey	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
445	359	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
650	4-0	Revere	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
28		Sapper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
110	60	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
-2		Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
3-	3-	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
448	350	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
525	400	Southwest No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
2-0	150	Southwest No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
276	150	Southwest No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
61	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson
900	62-	Standard.	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	0	Stauffer No. -	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156		Stewart.	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
135		Summit	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40		Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
4-		Tip Top	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
451	60	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
-0		Union	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
3-0	340	United	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
2-0	120	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
-0	80	Veteran	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
2-0	100	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
282	2	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	2-0	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	375	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
211	200	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg

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MORE MEN MAY BE NEEDED

Company Secures Repair Contract For All Electrical Work at Nearby Frick Plants and Other Coke Companies Are Placing Orders

Reflecting the prosperity of the recent order issued by the H C Frick Coke Company relative to the firing of nearly 3 000 ovens the Wells Mills Electric Company yesterday made the announcement of a big contract that has been received since the beginning of the year from the work at reduced orders and the number of orders in together with inquiries the local company is making preparations for one of the most prosperous years experienced since its founding.

The repair shop of the local company which is one of the most complete in this section is running on full time and will continue to be so for some time to come. Among the largest contracts that have been received within the past few weeks is the one for the H C Frick Coke Company for all of the electrical repair work at all its plants in this section. Orders from practically every coke company in the Connellsville region using the electricity are being received. Many orders are coming in from the West Virginia field since the boom started the Wells Mills Company has taken on a number of new hands and indications are that they will have to employ more.

Aside from the placing of entrance pipes about two months ago the company has done nothing on the Federal building contract. No more electrical work is possible until the weather opens up and the work on the cut stone is completed. When this is done the electrical work will be rushed through to a speedy completion.

PROSPERITY HITS MACARONI FACTORY

Already Busy West Side Concern Talks of Installing More Machinery.

WORKING UP TO CAPACITY NOW

Between 200 and 300 Boxes of the Delicacy Are Being Shipped Weekly and Manager Nannini Says the Orders Keep Coming In

Prosperity stories are becoming general throughout the Coke region. Following closely after the statement of Boyts Porter & Company and the Wells Mills Electric Company relative to their increased business since the resumption of the coke trade, Ezzi Nannini manager of the Connellsville Macaroni Company yesterday stated that the business of this company has doubled within the past few weeks. It keeps up it will be necessary to enlarge the plant to increase production.

Mr Nannini said yesterday: In all my experience in the macaroni business I have never before seen such a sudden rush of orders.

The increase in business became noticeable last week. The West Side plant is working overtime and has added new men to their force until there are now - skilled men employed on the payroll. From 200 to 300 boxes of macaroni are being shipped every week. Two sizes of boxes are made, one 11 pounds and the other 22 pounds.

The company has done well since it started in business less than three months ago but all former records for orders have been broken within the past week. It was thought first necessary to put on a night shift. First extra hours were tacked onto the men's schedule and Manager Nannini stated yesterday that the company would install more machinery and employ more men before a night shift would be started.

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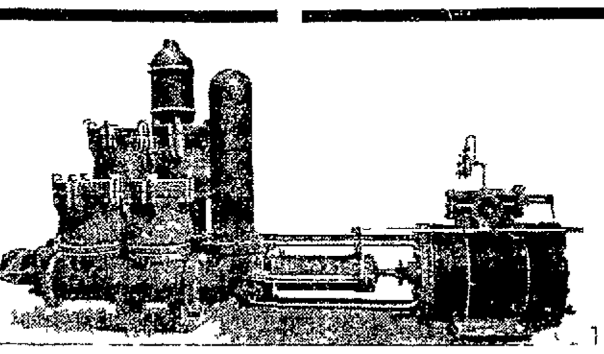

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NOW BOSS OF TELEPHONE CO.

William Walker Left Somerset Nearly 15 Years Ago and Has Now Become General Superintendent of Corn Belt Telephone Company of Iowa.

SOMERSET Jan 10—Somerset county acquaintances of William P Walker of Waterloo I son of Elder D H Walker of Somerset township, have just learned that he has been advanced to general superintendent of the Corn Belt Telephone Company and the Cedar Rapids & Marion Telephone Company Mr Walker since migrating from Somerset county has been steadily making good in the telephone business in Iowa until he now holds the most lucrative position in one of the most extensive telephone circuits of the Middle West

Supt Walker's latest promotion is peculiarly welcome tidings to Register of Wills Bert F Landis of Somerset with whom Walker went West nearly fifteen years ago Both were seeking jobs and they found them In 1898 Landis returned to Somerset to volunteer his services in the Spanish-American war enlisting in Company I which was recruited here, Walker remaining in Iowa

I'll never forget the day Will Walker secured his first job at Waterloo with the companies that have now made him their general superintendent said Register Landis yesterday "I accompanied him to the employing office of the telephone concern and was surprised when he turned down a job as solicitor and asked to be put to work digging post holes

"I came out here to learn this business from the bottom up he determinedly informed his employer who wanted him as a solicitor of new telephone subscribers Instead of running in new patrons I want to see how the poles and wires are put up Give me a job like that

The manager of the companies was amazed at the attitude of the Somerset countian who would rather dig holes than go out soliciting for which his men suggested he was better fitted but he was impressed with the young man's logic and he was put to work as he desired

The rest of the story vindicates Walker's judgment of younger days He soon became acquainted with construction work and by his determination to begin at the bottom was rapidly advanced in both position and salary until he now has charge of two of Iowa's largest telephone concerns

COKE CONTRACT INSURES STEADY RUN FOR A YEAR

Inland Steel Company Takes Up Surplus of 15 000 Tons Monthly From Thompson Connellsville Company

PITTSBURG Jan 15—A contract for 15 000 tons of coke per month placed Saturday by the Inland Steel Company near Chicago with the Thompson Connellsville Coke Company and which will run for the present year has so absorbed the capacity of that company that it will be kept going full during the present year The contract, it is said practically requires the surplus production of the 800 oven plant after supplying contract coke for the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company The contract it is further said was placed at a price above the ruling market quotations

This order for coke caused considerable comment in Pittsburg when the facts became known The coke fields are trying to increase production as fast as the labor condition will permit but the demand continues to increase faster than the producers can take care of new business The result has been that prices are now generally held at $2 for furnace coke at the ovens or the best rate in a year The more modern coke plants with mechanical drawers have been able to operate to capacity without increasing the force of men materially as much of the work is being done by machinery This innovation in coke is now turning into account with much satisfaction to the coke companies

"BLACK DIAMOND STATE" IS NEW NAME FOR WEST VIRGINIA

State Board of Trade Discards Old Title of "Little Mountain State" in Advertising Its Greatness

West Virginia has been known since its birth as the "Little Mountain State" and the name will likely cling when sentiment rules but for commercial purposes the State Board of Trade has adopted a new name in advertising the commonwealth The Black Diamond State is the new title and its first public appearance and use will be in a coming issue of the Manufacturers Record to be styled "Thirty Years of Southern Upbuilding" in which much space is to be given West Virginia

An attractive advertisement to appear in the issue at the expense of the State Board of Trade will set forth the following facts about West Virginia's assets 1 510 000 acres of virgin forest 700 000 acres of grazing lands 5,000 000 acres [illegible] lands 10 000 000 acres agricultural lands, thousands of oil wells producing millions of barrels of oil 600 000 acres of coal 300 000 000 tons of iron ore limitless supply of natural gas 25 000 000 000 feet of standing timber inexhaustible quantities of limestone clays, shales and glass sands

Shaft Contract Let

The Brownsville Engineering Company has been awarded the contract for sinking two shafts for the Cross Creek Coal Company near Burgettstown, at a cost of $90,000

IRON ORE IN 1911.

Estimated Production According to United States Geological Survey

Preliminary estimates of iron ore sold in 1911 were sent to the Geological Survey by 26 of the largest iron mining companies in the United States at the close of the year The combined output of these companies represents more than 85 per cent of the total production of the United States From these returns it is estimated by E F Burchard of the Survey that the total quantity of iron ore marketed in the United States in 1911 not including stocks left at the mines was between 43,000 000 and 46 000 000 long tons This quantity represents a decrease of 20 to 24 per cent of the sales for 1910, which aggregated 56 889 734 long tons The output for 1910 was the largest quantity of iron ore ever marketed in a single year in the United States, and according to the present estimate the quantity produced in the year 1911 will take fifth place being exceeded by that of 1910 1907 1909 and 1906 in the order named It is estimated that of the ore produced in 1911 between 39 ?00 000 and 42 000 000 long tons was red hematite the remainder consisting of brown hematite magnetite and iron carbonate ores According to the returns received the Lake Superior district in Minnesota Michigan and Wisconsin apparently produced between 33 000 000 and 35 000 000 long tons of red and specular hematite which represents a decrease of 23 to 28 per cent compared with the production of 1910—46 328,743 long tons

In the Birmingham district Alabama the second largest iron mining center the production of iron ore apparently decreased 15 to 20 per cent from that of 1910 the estimated production for 1911 being between 3 050 000 and 3 12? 000 long tons compared with 3 802 115 long tons in the preceding year The ore mined in the Birmingham district consists of red and brown hematite in the proportion of about 4 to 1

The production of iron ore in Tennessee and Virginia apparently decreased only about 16 per cent according to reports from the principal producers in those States

As the production of pig iron for 1911 may exceed 23 000 000 tons a larger production of iron ore might appear to be required than has been estimated above but it must be considered that at the close of 1910 there was 9 408 2?? long tons of iron ore in stock at the mines in the United States and that of this total 8 471 10? long tons was at the mines in the Lake Superior district Just how heavily this surplus stock of ore was drawn upon in 1911 it is impossible to state at present but owing to the decreased activity in the manufacture of pig iron toward the close of 1911 it is probably that the 1910 surplus was in part cleaned up and that at the end of 1911 only a relatively small quantity of iron ore remained at the mines

TO BUILD SECOND TRACK

Western Maryland to Improve the Hagerstown Division

The Western Maryland Railroad Company has authorized the construction of a fifteen mile stretch of second track from Williamsport and Hancock on the Hagerstown Cumberland division and it is expected the the work on the improvements will be started just as soon as the weather opens up

The company has already seven miles of double track on this division and the additional fifteen miles will give it twenty two miles of second track between Hagerstown and Cumberland This additional traffic improvement will be made to meet the big business expected to be routed from the Pittsburg district to eastern points and the Philadelphia & Reading railroad

The cost of the new track construction will be met out of the proceeds of the sale of $10 000 000 of short term notes In addition to the second track the company has also planned to build a number of additional sidings between Hagerstown and Cumberland

OPERATORS RAISED.

Lightning Slingers of Western Maryland Get an Advance

As the result of negotiations which have been going on for some weeks the telegraphers employed by the Western Maryland Railway Company have been granted an increase in wages The advance in pay will approximate about 8 per cent among the wire men on all divisions of the road

The readjustment of the wages of the Western Maryland telegraphers was made by General Manager Shepherd and the road's employes are highly pleased with the manner in which the settlement was made

The Western Maryland has always treated its men with the greatest consideration Over a year ago when the B & O increased the pay of its men the Western Maryland also granted an increase The B & O telegraphers were granted a further advance in pay some weeks ago and General Manager Shepherd informed the telegraphers that their pay would also be readjusted

COAL DEAL

Involving Over Million Dollars is Reported at Charleroi

It is reported upon what is considered good authority that negotiations which have been in progress for weeks have about been completed by which the Diamond Coal & Coke Company takes over the coal holdings at Charleroi of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Works Twelve hundred acres of virgin coal land is included in the deal The purchase price is not known but it is believed that in the transfer in the neighborhood of $1 ?000 will be involved The deal will be one of the most important in years to the Pittsburg district

In addition to the coal land will be included in the deal it is stated all real estate of the Charleroi mine such as tipple site the railroad siding office building and various other equipment

Big Electric Motor

Orders aggregating $100 000 have just been received by the Westinghouse company for electrical equipment to be furnished rapid transit companies in Philadelphia Reading Portland Me and Buffalo N Y

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Jan 13, 1912

Total Ovens	In Blast.	Name of Works	Name of Operators.	P O Address
30		Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
107		Allison No 1	W J Rainey	New York
[illegible]	40	Anica	Kaine & Willey Coke Co	Uniontown
139	42	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
20		Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
300	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	400	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
[illegible]		Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	[illegible]	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
426	100	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	22	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
20	[illegible]	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40		Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
24		Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
500	400	Colonial No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Colonial No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	[illegible]	Colonial No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cyrilla	Rocks Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
170	170	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
102	102	Donald No 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
240	240	Donald No 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160	160	Donald No 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
44		Dorothy	Jacobs Creek Coal Co	[illegible]
50	[illegible]	Dunn	[illegible] Fowler Coal & Coke Co	[illegible]
500	410	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
119	[illegible]	Edna	Waterside Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	102	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
[illegible]		Emory	South Fayette Coke Co	Masontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
32		Finley	Jas Byrne & Co	Uniontown
400	[illegible]	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Scottdale
[illegible]	200	Francis No 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	Francis No 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
80		Fratts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Garwood	Dunlap Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
68		Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	[illegible]	Griffin Nos 1 & 2	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
98	78	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
100	[illegible]	Hustead	Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
20		Isabella	Isabella Connellsville Coal Co	Pittsburg
140	110	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200		LaBelle	LaBelle Coke Co	[illegible]
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
462	170	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
516	266	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	[illegible]	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Madison	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	64	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
241	[illegible]	Marble	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown, O
202		McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co	Leetonia, Ohio
[illegible]	[illegible]	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60		Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co	Star Junction
[illegible]		Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co	Newcomer
[illegible]	60	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No 1	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Parshall No 2	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		Perry	Perry Coke Co	[illegible]
[illegible]		Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
4	[illegible]	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	50	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Outcrop
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
3	[illegible]	Royal	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
8	[illegible]	Sackett	H R Sackett Coal & Coke Co	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
26	210	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	100	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sterling	Consolidated Connellsville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	300	Thompson No. 1	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Thompson No. 2	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
29	[illegible]	Tower Hill No 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
100	250	Washington No 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
100	500	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
[illegible]		Woodland	Banning Connellsville Coke Co	Banning
100		Yukon	[illegible] Coke Co	Uniontown

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INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The proposed increase in coal and coke freight rates from southwestern Virginia to points in the West announcement of which was recently made by the Louisville & Nashville railroad will not become effective until the Interstate Commerce Commission and had the opportunity to make a careful study of the situation

One Sunday recently 1 081 cars of coal were shipped east over the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western which constitutes a table record and gives a clue as to current activity in that section

A Northern Coal & Timber Company has been organized in West Virginia by people who are said to have extensive holdings of coal and timber land in the southern part of the State Application has been made for a charter and the new concern will be capitalized at $200 000 Among those interested are Thomas McCall of Cleveland M J Sullivan E Lol J James Guffney Hasting O and W S and H C Miller of Wheeling It is reported that they have organized their holdings with a view to early development

A press report states that the Boston & Maine has closed with the Virginia Iron Coal & Coke Company for about 800 000 tons of coal to be delivered during a period of five years

President Frank Black of the Atlantic Coal Company of Meyersdale Pa has purchased about 100 acres of coal land from Cushing Brothers of Meyersdale The property lies near Garrett and it is understood though not confirmed that it will be developed in the near future

RECENT PATENTS.

The following recently granted patents of interest to the coal and coke trade are reported expressly for The Weekly Courier by W G Doolittle Patent Attorney Park Building Pittsburg Pa from whom copies may be procured for 15 cents each

Clip for miners lamps Grant I Rawson and J Llewellyn F Shultz St Louis Mo assignors to F H Picking & Fine Brush Manufacturing Co, St Louis Mo No 1011?0.

Coal operator Marion H Neff Philadelphia Pa No 1 014 050

Pit and creeping device Adam J Kramer Bluffton Minn No 0111?

Mechanical stoker Robert E Stewart Omaha Nebraska assignor of one half to Charles Tire and ne H to Harry N Olds n Grand Island Nebraska No 1011 ?4

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THURSDAY MORNING, JAN 18, 1912

A Prosperous Year is Promised

The prediction of certain prominent steel men that 1912 will be a good year in the iron and steel business seems to be prompt in verification.

Orders for rails and cars are coming in, cold furnaces are being put in blast and idle coke ovens are being fired up. The fact is the buying interests held off a couple of years because of the uncertain political outlook. They are now persuaded that the future will take care of itself in a proper and satisfactory manner. They need the materials mentioned and others, and they are placing their orders with liberality.

The increase in Connellsville coke production has been accompanied by an increase in prices and everything points to a prosperous year in the coke trade though not as prosperous as it might have been under merger conditions or even closer selling arrangements.

Greene county coal sales are growing active with the activity in the Connellsville coke trade. The industrial procession will soon cross the Monongahela river without the aid or consent of any railroad interest. The lateral railroad proposition is in the meantime under serious consideration and the closer the closed in owners of the coal field get to it the smaller it looks.

The New Year looks like a Prosperous Year and consequently a Bad Year for Democratic Hopes.

Andrew Carnegie on the Tariff

Andrew Carnegie who rather regrets that he didn't ask $100,000,000 more for his steel properties expresses the view that the trade does not need any Protection.

This being the Democratic view the Stanley Inquisition is perhaps greatly gratified with this portion of the testimony of the Little Father of the Steel Trust. It will furnish excellent Democratic material for the discussion of the Tariff issue in the campaign of 1912 and that is what the committee is probing for.

In this connection however there are several things to be considered. Andrew Carnegie reminded the committee that he had been out of the steel and iron business for a number of years, and that for some years before his retirement he had little to do with the active management of his company. He also admitted that there were many things about the business he could not remember.

Under these circumstances it is reasonable to assume that he may at this time be an incompetent witness as to the Tariff needs of the steel and iron business.

It might also be mentioned that his interest in the Steel Corporation is that of a mortgagee and not that of a stockholder and that there is a wide difference between these interests.

It is possible that the Steel Corporation could manufacture steel and iron and sell them at a profit under a low Tariff or even under absolute Free Trade because of its nearly perfect system of assimilating its raw materials and the corresponding low cost of its manufactured products but it is certain that the smaller independent manufacturers could not do so. The removal of the duties on iron and steel materials and products would reduce the independents to the necessity of shutting down their mills or cutting the wages of labor. Neither of these propositions would be satisfactory to the country much less to the parties at immediate interest.

Concerning his Tariff views it must be understood that the ex-ironmaster and present multi-millionaire speaks for himself alone.

The Public Utilities Bill

Governor Tener announces that he will press his Public Utilities bill at the next session of the Legislature.

This bill provides for the regulation by a Public Utilities Commission of all public service corporations in Pennsylvania. The Commission will have power to fix rates and compel proper corporate service in the same manner and to the same effect as the State Railway Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission regulates railway rates and service. The bill was defeated in the last Legislature but it will probably pass sooner or later.

Corporate regulation whether it be a disease or a remedy has apparently come to stay and its spread over the railroad tracks is not at all unlikely.

A Complete Failure

Andrew Carnegie has thus far been the star witness before the Stanley Committee, but he was more reminiscent than enlightening and to the manifest chagrin of the Kentucky Knight charged with the duty of probing the Steel Trust for the special purpose of providing Democratic material for the coming Presidential campaign, he refuted the inference that the Steel Corporation was over-capitalized by declaring with emphasis that he sold the Carnegie properties for $100,000,000 less than they were actually worth.

Perhaps the most entertaining part of his testimony however and the part which he evidently enjoyed most was when he told the committee how he got the best of his fellow-millionaire, John D. Rockefeller when he bought his ore properties. It is also evident that his chief regret lies in the thought that his other fellow-millionaire, J. Pierpont Morgan, got the better of him when he bought his steel properties.

Andrew is still the canny Scot and no Kentucky Knight on horseback and in armour can ride him down. The net results of his testimony are by no means Democratic. As a witness for the Democratic party and against the Steel Corporation, he was a complete failure.

A Peevish Kentucky Knight.

The knightly soul of Augustus Owsley Stanley Special Steel Prober to the rainbow hopes of the Democratic Party in the coming Presidential contest was sadly fretted in the House yesterday when it hesitated to appropriate a few paltry additional thousands of the public money for the purpose of piling up supposed valuable campaign material. The hesitancy of the House it may be remarked in passing, was doubtless due to the fact that all Democrats are not wholly lacking in political judgment. They are beginning to realize that this spectacular investigation of the Steel Corporation is a big chicken that's coming home to roost.

Sir Stanley from the knightly State of Kentucky has evidently deserted the knightly state. He is reported as declaring that he has reached the end of courteous treatment of the Steel Corporation officers. He certainly did not reach that end because of any discourteous treatment of him by the officers of the Steel Corporation. They have all responded promptly to his summons and answered willingly all his questions. Judge Elbert H. Gary the head of the Steel Corporation has never been backward in furnishing Sir Knight Stanley and his committee with any information concerning the affairs of the corporation they desired; in fact the affairs of the Steel Corporation have for many years been an open book and regarding them there is no reason why any of its officers should conceal anything. As a prober Sir Knight Stanley needs to invest in a grindstone or an emery wheel. His wit hath a dull point.

Sir Knight Stanley seems to be indignant because the Steel Corporation faintly protested against his further inquiry after the Attorney General of the United States had filed a suit against the corporation for its dissolution on the ground that it was a combination in restraint of trade; yet their protest rests upon established legal grounds and the laws are made for the corporations as well as for firms and individuals.

It is a rule of common law as old as our government that a man may not be compelled to testify against himself and while this rule has been somewhat modified its spirit remains in our jurisprudence. This spirit of the law protests against the further inquiries of the Stanley Committee. The Steel Corporation should refuse to furnish Sir Knight Stanley with any further information concerning the business of the company on the ground that it is on trial for its life in a higher court. They should conclude with Sir Knight Stanley that they have reached the end of courteous treatment and if pestered in further say that patient but peevish knight they should submit their status to the court which has summoned them.

The days of the Inquisition are over. It's no long[er] On Stanley On but Back Stanley Back!

The Interstate Commerce Commission

The Supreme Court has fixed the status of the Interstate Commerce Commission pretty firmly. It has decided that the Commission has original jurisdiction and ample power to regulate rates and all other railway conditions affecting the movement of interstate commerce.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has grown some since it was born. It was a child of the manger. How it ever escaped assassination at the hands of the railroad influence, which then dominated the legislation of the country is a mystery which we will not undertake to explain. It is certain however that for some years it was not taken very seriously and its powers were not considered to be dangerous. It was purely a perfunctory proposition with some political usufruct.

But public sentiment changed one fine day when for reasons of their own the railroads repented of their sins against the law and with a virtuous determination to reform eliminated the lawful free pass. Then things began to happen. The Interstate Commerce Commission was galvanized into active and aggressive life. It ceased to drink milk and began to eat meat. From a child it became a man and now the Supreme Court pronounces it the Strong Man in the Railroad World.

The Strong Man should always be a Just Man and in the determination of questions coming before it the Interstate Commerce Commission will be governed by the rules of equity and not like the Stanley committee by the demands of politics. The railway question is a very complicated one and many of the rates now existing have been formulated on wrong principles, some of them being too high and some too low. Many of them will have to be revised to make them just, but in the revision the Interstate Commerce Commission should not and we think will not lose sight of the rights of the stockholders of the railroads.

The railroads have done much for this country. They should at all times have that equal and exact justice which is demanded for all citizens by our Constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof.

Pandora's Box

The United States will send troops to China for the purpose of protecting American citizens and incidentally of seeing that Uncle Samuel is not entirely shut out if there is a Grab Game Game.

The Chinese situation is not inviting. It begins to look as if the Powers were ready to seize upon the unhappy condition of China as a pretext to dismember the Empire and divide it up among themselves. In some respects this might be better for China and the world; in others worse.

There is also the possibility amounting even to a probability that the Powers will involve themselves in war before they get done with the division of the spoils.

The Chinese situation looks like Pandora's Box.

Exit Witness Andrew Carnegie

Andrew Carnegie concluded his testimony before the Stanley Committee yesterday and the net results of his inquisition are a distinct disappointment to the Democratic probe. With the single exception of the declaration that the steel and iron business needs no protective tariff the Democratic cross examiners developed nothing of interest to them.

The memory of the witness was somewhat at fault concerning his contributions to politics but he was emphatic in his statement that he was opposed to the doctrine of imperialism and the acquisition of the Philippines. He admitted that he might have contributed some money to the advancement of the Anti-Imperialist movement but he indignantly denied that he was at any time or in any manner a promoter director or stockholder in the United States Steel Corporation and he stated with reference to this his [illegible]. This statement is [illegible] rinsed [illegible].

As a bachelor he was [illegible] probable that Carnegie wants for [illegible] his money [illegible]. He retired from business many years ago and has since been in the business [of] trying to die poor and none [illegible] rich and [illegible] He has [illegible] a life [illegible] and rest in the [illegible] United States Steel Corporation [illegible] matter how much indifferent [illegible] he may outwardly assume.

The Star Spangled [illegible] most entertaining witness but as an information he failed [illegible] fill a big [illegible].

Arctic Weather

The Weather Works [illegible] degrees below zero this morning. [illegible] was evidently [illegible] gave us [illegible]. His liberality is not [illegible] cold comfort [illegible].

The Weather Works [illegible] tory [illegible] the summer [illegible] were [illegible] and just now [illegible] collect [illegible] process [illegible] is all right [illegible] but all wrong for the [illegible].

[illegible] such Arctic weather [illegible] Most people [illegible] upon it [illegible] will use much suffering [illegible] some deaths. [illegible] trains in this [illegible] this matter [illegible].

We are promised [illegible] backbone of the minus zero [illegible] night [illegible] the hope [illegible].

In the meantime it [illegible] remember that our conditions are much better than those of [illegible] who had no [illegible] no steam heat [illegible] thrived and [illegible] foundations of [illegible] the leading nation of the world.

We will endure with fortitude and live in hope.

Ignorance of the Sherman Law

Commenting upon the confession of Andrew Carnegie that he was not familiar with the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust law when he was actively engaged in the steel business and was not aware [illegible] company [illegible] the Wall Street Journal [illegible]:

Andrew Carnegie [illegible] with the Sherman Act [illegible] no means exceptional. As a matter of fact [illegible] well informed men [illegible] familiar with the actual contents of that statute [illegible] of its wording [illegible] knowledge of [illegible] than [illegible] more than [illegible] not [illegible] legal or political intelligence of business men [illegible] citizens. The National Civic Federation some weeks ago sent a questionnaire on the Sherman Anti-Trust act without accompanying it with a copy of the act itself. The probability is that the vast majority of its answers were based on the general assumption of what the act contained, rather than upon any definite appreciation of its precise requirements. It is doubtful whether even most of the people who have given testimony before the Stanley Committee could state intelligently the three or four main provisions of this little document. Possibly [illegible] members of the committee [illegible] who could not pass with credit [illegible] an examination on the actual content of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. It is immensely easier to discuss generalities than to know with exactitude.

There is perhaps another reason for the ignorance mentioned. The Sherman law was for many years regarded as a dead letter. It remained for Philander Chase Knox, Attorney General under the McKinley administration to galvanize it into life.

It may be added that it has been very much alive ever since.

Abe Martin

[illegible]

The Teaching a Mine Rescue Work

The announcement that the United States Government [illegible] will maintain [illegible] Connellsville [illegible] region [illegible] satisfying [illegible] the [illegible] Uniontown [illegible] know what the program [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] better [illegible] the employes the coke plants in the vicinity of Connellsville and Scott [illegible] for some time [illegible] been [illegible] to gain a proper [illegible] work. In [illegible] the help of their [illegible] have made much progress.

[illegible] should [illegible] Government experts to stop here and [illegible] to [illegible] the information of willing students.

The Torch Bearer

The [illegible] of the Indian Creek Valley claims that he is the bearer of the [illegible] but he indicates also that he is a Man of Peace.

[illegible] flowers [illegible] quarrels with the Uniontown people. He expects to live [illegible] and if the [illegible] of the Indian Creek Valley is not much polluted by the aggressions of industrial development he doubtless will [illegible] things to live peacefully.

He indicates that he has many Uniontown friends and we accept his statement without question but we would suggest that he consort not too promiscuously with them. They are not all peaceful. Some of them, the Uniontown Herald, for example, are very contentious and [illegible] and undesirable.

When Al-Le-Ha escapes from Mill Run he should come direct to Mud [illegible] he will always find a cordial [illegible].

The Presidential Campaign

The Presidential political situation is becoming interesting. It is quite evident that President Taft will be the Republican nominee. On this question the McKeesport News says:

The political discontents of the country [illegible] in numbers and are now fighting in the last ditch. They have called themselves Insurgents, Progressives and Reformers [illegible] have avoided their real name. Place hunters.

Their purpose from start to finish has been to defeat Taft for re-election. They might have been able to accomplish that had not every one of them been guided by the same purpose and that purpose was to force themselves into the White House.

Senator Cummins was the first to [illegible] at being the Presidential candidate. His ambition lead him to the political swamps. Then Senator La Follette attempted [illegible] but [illegible] turned to Col. Theodore [illegible] to save him but to help [illegible] President Taft.

Colonel Roosevelt is not [illegible] no circumstances [illegible] Taft only [illegible] [illegible] will not [illegible].

The Republicans [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sheridan [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] the Democratic [illegible] for President [illegible] the [illegible] time.

[illegible] Uniontown [illegible] come back to [illegible].

It will be interesting [illegible] President and [illegible] will shake hands with him [illegible].

The Dance Will Go On

It is useless [illegible] and perfectly [illegible] [illegible] The Uniontown [illegible] Preston [illegible] There is no [illegible] without [illegible] progressing [illegible].

Argument and Arithmetic

[illegible] News [illegible] [illegible] Democrats [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] On [illegible] the existing [illegible] issue [illegible] the citizens [illegible] the court to appoint water works [illegible] public utilities [illegible] is not the time [illegible] its own public [illegible].

It is not [illegible] which confronts us. The question has been discussed [illegible] thoroughly that it ought by this time to be generally understood. The city could have bought the water works long ago [illegible] permitted and its only reason for giving private citizens franchise for the construction [illegible] specific contract [illegible] for their services is that it has not enough money to do the work itself.

It's not a matter of argument but a matter of arithmetic.

The cold weather is disagreeable but it is warming [illegible] in the Pittsburg and Connellsville districts [illegible] an early return to old [illegible].

The collapse of the burned Equitable building in New York [illegible] be the biggest pay streak [illegible].

The green goods business is not good in Washington county [illegible] *Some Californians seem* [illegible].

The civic character of the charity work of the Chamber of Commerce is such that none will find fault with the initiative and in business of his nature there is no Referendum nor any Recall. Its promoters always have the god-given right of self-appointment. The work of the Charity Committee of the Chamber of Commerce should have the earnest and liberal support of the community. The committee will act as a Charity Clearing House. It will make careful inquiry into each case. The sheep will be separated from the goats. Aid will be given the deserving and the undeserving will be invited to take a walk [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Westmoreland [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Pittsburg [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] is said to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Dunbar [illegible] [illegible]

Want [illegible] the owner of the [illegible]

[illegible] branch out.

[illegible]

The [illegible] is now on the [illegible].

The West Penn's division of Connellsville [illegible] county [illegible] The West Penn has a habit of [illegible].

The Charleroi Mill wants to know what use there is of free navigation if the towns along the river refuse to provide proper wharves. It looks as if the improvement of the Monongahela river has not been properly appreciated. We hope that the Youghiogheny river residents will do better when they get their dams between McKeesport and West Newton.

The New Castle Herald preaches a long and strong sermon against the [illegible]. There was never any editorial comment more out of place and utterly incongruous. There's no place in New Castle where one can [illegible] to think [illegible] of The Herald Billy Sunday [illegible] Christians.

The Canonsburg Notes announces that Billy Sunday is fighting the Devil [illegible] but for the best evidences [illegible] it isn't the Money Devil.

The Socialistic government of New Castle [illegible] the transient city boarders to shoveling snow. Socialism is not without its civic virtue.

Washington county is something of [illegible]. Thirty nine divorces were granted by the court the other day.

The Pittsburg district seems to be [illegible] its own and likewise the Connellsville coke region.

Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

Friday, January 6, 1882

The Uniontown Standard expects to enlarge.

William Jo[illegible] and Miss Annie Snyder are married by Squire Campbell.

The house of M. J. Barr narrowly [escapes] burning when a live coal fell [illegible] to the floor.

[illegible] is thrown from the train at Laurel Run and dies later.

The Meyersdale Commercial states that Connellsville is about to employ a Chinaman on the police force.

[illegible] its nearest point [illegible].

[illegible] M. Sarver who was rejected [illegible] the Westmoreland county bar [illegible] charges [illegible] He proposes to go [illegible] from the Pennsylvania State [illegible].

Frank Cowan of Greensburg writes new book "An American Book Buyer: Short Stories from Studies of Life in Southwestern Pennsylvania."

The Courier says in its local column: "Write it 1882 now" and carries a [illegible] 1881 date line.

[illegible] has resigned his position [illegible] Coke [illegible] mill and has embarked in business for himself.

Friday, January 8, 1892

Progress Stillwagon's report shows [illegible] arrests were made during the [illegible] month.

[illegible] employed at the Council [illegible] Machine & [illegible] Company has his [illegible] by [illegible].

The School Board is divided over the case of [illegible] Gomes who had scuffle with Principal Christy.

Mrs. Jane Martin, aged 72 years, is [illegible].

[illegible] gives a dinner at his Uniontown home.

[illegible] Wakefield of West Newton [illegible].

[illegible] Baltimore & Ohio [illegible].

[illegible] is reported to be [illegible].

A corps of engineers is now [illegible] route [illegible] extension of the Western Maryland from Bedford to Johnstown.

Friday, January 10, 1902.

[illegible] fired up on the School Board [illegible] case of [illegible] contest of [illegible] in which several [illegible] others [illegible] contested.

The new county officers assume [illegible].

[illegible] Tyre Grove [illegible] [illegible] Mills [illegible].

[illegible] has his leg crushed [illegible] in the Baltimore & Ohio [illegible].

Council holds its first regular meeting [illegible] the new year.

[illegible] gives a [illegible] in town.

[illegible] Port [illegible] writes The Courier from [illegible] position of [illegible] mine.

[illegible] celebrates his [illegible] birthday.

William Evans and Miss May Koch [are] married [illegible] Connellsville.

[illegible] Newmyer has been spending his holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newmyer. He is a senior in the law department at Yale.

[illegible] new Superintendent [illegible] Humbert Mill.

[illegible] Thompson and S. R. Gold [illegible] have returned to their studies at [the] University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

THE BARD OF INDIAN CREEK VALLEY.

By Allen Edward Harbaugh

Mill Run, Pa., Jan. 11.—I was given [illegible] New Year's greeting to the Uniontown People's Tribune [illegible] ed in The Daily Courier with comments [illegible] earlier handed [illegible] a copy of the weekly [illegible] a few hours [illegible] when it was [illegible] enough [illegible] psychometry [illegible] realize the magnetic touch of Henry [illegible] said [illegible] is just like him [illegible] principle of plodding [illegible] The [illegible] of Indian Creek Valley, whose christian name is Allen Edward and [illegible] is Harbaugh, are whose co-signs [illegible] A. E. H.

Albert [illegible] in The Courier, [illegible] only [illegible] applicable to [illegible] of keen acumen [illegible] Allen was [illegible] name was [illegible] of Ticonderoga fame, was a [illegible] demanding surrender of the fort. By what authority? asked [illegible] commander. General [illegible] of Jehovah and the Continental Congress [illegible].

Indian Creek Valley is devoid of gas [illegible] natural product [illegible] intellect [illegible] in various stages of [illegible].

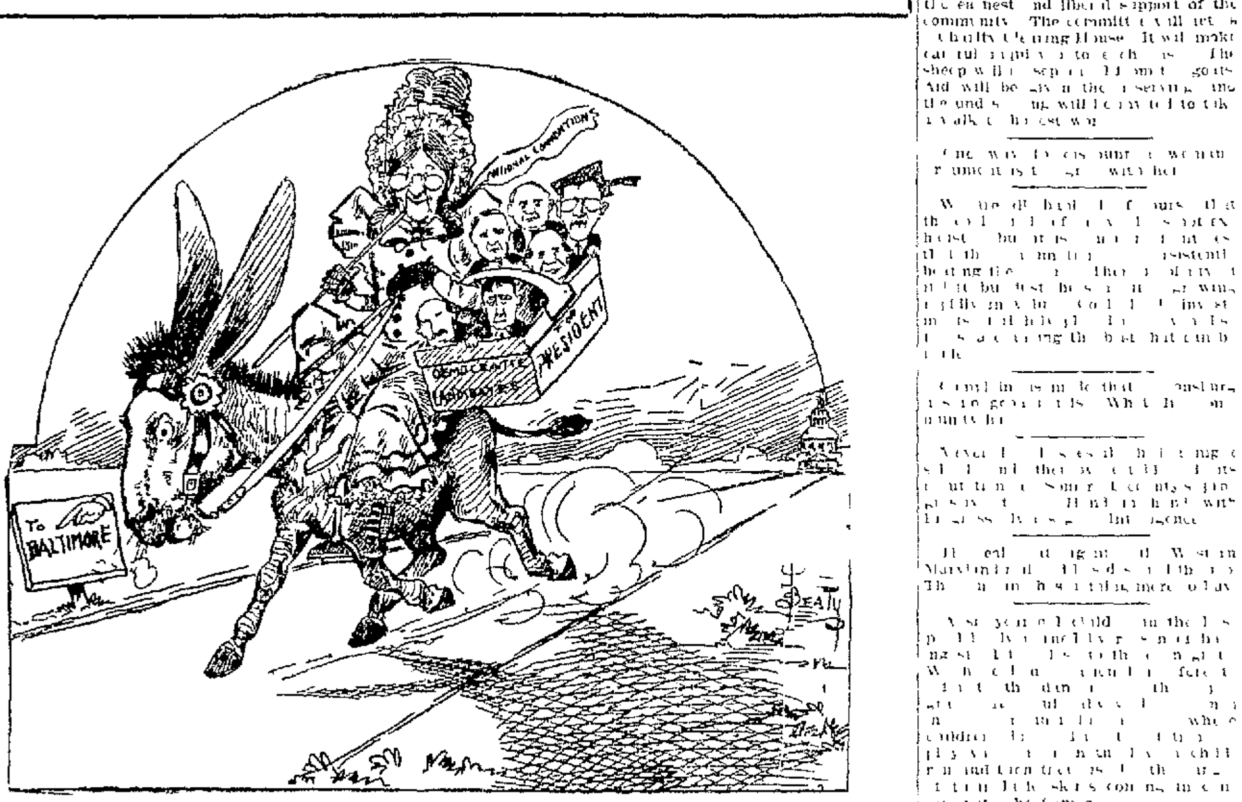
Having [illegible] much of truth many long [illegible] to the [illegible] to come. [illegible] bedeck my [illegible] a flo[wer] [illegible] the [illegible] out of the window, thinking [illegible] pick—taking [illegible] ditch digger.

[illegible] harp as the [illegible] or it may be so construed [illegible] would signify the [illegible] of truth.

We should [illegible] send such [illegible] to The Morning Herald of Uniontown.

Thanking the esteemed Courier for its best wishes and encomiastic praise I intend to be careful of my host of friends living in Uniontown and shall try to be at peace with all, especially The Honorable Court.

Which One Will She Bring Back?



CHESTNUT BLIGHT HAS HIT SOMERSET

State Representative Finds Traces of Dangerous Tree Disease.

WILL FIGHT TO EXTERMINATE IT

It Was Generally Believed the Blight Had Not Crossed the Alleghenies Until J. M. Hoffman Made His Discovery—Foresters Worst Enemy

SOMERSET Jan 17—J M Hoffman who is associated with the Chestnut Blight Commission appointed by Governor John K. Tener in pursuance of a recent Act of Assembly appropriating $275 000 for the purposes of discovering, if possible the origin of the blight and methods of fighting it with a view to its extermination is in Somerset county inspecting chestnut groves in Somerset and Brothersvalley townships

While driving from Berlin to Somerset he discovered evidence of the first well-defined case of blight west of the Allegheny mountains It having heretofore been accepted by the authorities that the blight had not made its way west of this mountain range and that its ravages were confined to Atlantic coast States and Eastern Pennsylvania The chestnut tree blight has been especially destructive in New York New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, and it has been recently estimated by foresters and lumbermen that the blight is responsible for the destruction of trees of the value of between $25 000 000 and $50 000 000

The blight first made its appearance in the United States about 12 years ago, and is supposed to have been brought in by nursery stock imported from Japan although there is no absolute certainty that such is the case Infection once started on a tree, the blight spreads with marvelous rapidity usually destroying all of the chestnut growth on a farm or timber reserve and perhaps adjoining tracts in two or three years

Inspector Hoffman has carried his investigations along with other representatives of the Commissioner throughout Eastern Pennsylvania during the past nine months and has only recently been searching for evidences of the blight in this section of the State Having satisfied himself that the blight has reached Somerset county he will return here later for the purpose of continuing his investigations

Evidence that the blight has infected a tree is nearly always manifested in leaves that die and cling to the branches It was in this way that Inspector Hoffman discovered the blight in the neighborhood of Berlin where he found two well-defined cases The bark of blight-infected trees has a reddish appearance not unlike bark that has been slightly scorched by fire

The blight may be and it is believed by foresters to have been carried long distances by birds It is also spread by insects and by the wind Of all the known enemies of forestry the chestnut tree blight is one of the most damaging That this statement is correct is conclusively disclosed by the steps which have been taken by many of the States, and by the Federal authorities, to eradicate it as speedily as possible

The chestnut growth in Somerset county is immense and of great value When the first evidence of blight is detected on a tree the infected branches should be cut down and burned

NATIONAL PIKE BILL

Ohio Congressman Wants Government to Rehabilitate It

A bill providing for the reconstruction and maintenance of the old National Pike from Cumberland Md through Southwestern Pennsylvania West Virginia and then on to St Louis has been introduced into Congress by Representative Francis of Martins Ferry Ohio Many bills are being introduced for the construction of roads by the Federal Government but Mr Francis thinks the one which should most properly be undertaken is the National Pike already constructed by the Government with rights of way already secured bridges already constructed and the road already in good condition a large part of the way

The bill which Mr Francis will introduce provides for the appropriation of $100 000 for use in 1912 $3 000 000 for use in 1913 $3 000 000 for use in 1914 and $2 000 000 for use in 1915 to be applied on the reconstruction of this old road His bill provides for a National road committee to be appointed one from each of the States through which the road passes to review the road, report on its condition and take such legal steps as are necessary to re-invest the title of the road in the United States Government It also provides for a board of national highway rules to regulate the use of the road for Federal purpose This board is to consist of the Attorney General the Secretary of War the Postmaster General the Secretary of Commerce and Labor the Secretary of Agriculture and the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

ENGINES IN COMPETITION.

Railroads Exchange Locomotives and Western Maryland Does the Best

The Baltimore & Ohio and Western Maryland exchanged engines for a test of their respective merits The Western Maryland officials are convinced that their 700 type is superior to the 4000 type of the Baltimore & Ohio

The Baltimore & Ohio engine froze up and could only pull four cars with gentle handling while the Baltimore & Ohio men have been getting excellent service out of the Western Maryland's sample of motive power so Cumberland reports assert

Bowden Resigns

Roy V Bowden has resigned as Deputy Register of Wills and accepted a position in the Second National Bank of Uniontown H. R. Titterington succeeds him in the court house

SCHOOL REPORT

Connellsville Township Enrollment Victim of Mumps and Measles

The following is a correct report of the Connellsville township schools for the fourth month ending Thursday January 11 The enrollment and attendance throughout the township is somewhat lower than it has been for the preceding months on account of the prevalence of mumps measles and other contagious diseases This is especially true of the Gibson schools where an average of from seventy five to a hundred pupils have been kept out during the entire month Aside from this the condition of the schools is fine and excellent work has been done by both teachers and pupils

The report of Washington No 2 and Poplar Grove schools is not complete owing to the fact that the teachers of these two schools neglected to send report to principal

NARROWS			
No 1, Nora Creedon	53	40	83
No 2, Chas Thomas	36	29	94
WASHINGTON			
No 1 Freda Burke	36	32	86
No 2 O P Moser			
ROCK RIDGE			
No 1 Bessie L Pichey	40	30	74
No 2 C H Sullivan	37	17	53
POPLAR GROVE			
No 1 Minerva Keffer			
BROAD FORD			
No 1 Pearl Morse	19	16	87
GIBSON			
No 1 Martha Wilson	54	12	92
No 1A Flossie Somerville	59	14	83
No 2 Dorothy Harbaugh	55	43	88
No 3, Daisy Trombley	53	41	91
No 4 Annabel Lee	43	33	96
No 4A Edwin Stamm	50	42	91
No 5 Ruth Moore	50	42	91
No 6 Anna Williams	42	36	91
No 7 Winifred Bungard	29	27	9[illegible]
No 8 Eva Wilson	29	24	53
H S Frances Freed R L Jensen	33	28	90

SHOWS GRATITUDE BY STEALING COAT

Shivering Tatterdemalion Given Refuge at High School Pilfers.

CLARENCE SMITH THE LOSER

Next Time a Hobo Asks Janitor John McNamara For Chance to Warm Himself He Will Get a Frost Clarence Had Chilly Walk Home

The next time a shivering tatterdemalion applies at the High School for permission to warm himself beside the big boilers in the basement he will get naught but a frigid stare and frosty reception Janitor McNamara did the Good Samaritan stunt yesterday afternoon with the result that Clarence Smith walked home coatless in the shivery chilling air

It was along about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon that a tramp appeared at High School and asked to see the boss

"There isn't any," replied McNamara "This is a school building"

The man wanted help to get his to Pittsburg he said McNamara could not do anything along his line but volunteered to let him go to the boiler room to get warm Going to the basement the tramp told Engineer John Patterson that McNamara had sent him down to spend the night

"Not on your life" was Patterson's terse rejoinder

After getting warmed up the hobo asked the way to Hoggs Hollow He started in that direction but turned back went along the walk between the High School and Fourth Ward schools and slipped inside the side door long enough to purloin the overcoat

He was seen putting the coat on but it was believed at the time that it belonged to him

When Clarence Smith started home he saw the coat was missing from the rack The matter was reported to Burgess Evans and the police are looking for the thief

Because the cloak room are crowded a row of hooks was placed in the hall near the side exit It was easy for the hobo to open the door pull the coat off the rack and beat it out again without being seen

STEWART J. H. HONSAKER REPORTS ON COUNTY HOME

He Tells What Was Raised at the Poor Farm During Past Year and Results Are Satisfactory

Stewart Johnson H Honsacker of the County Home has submitted his report for the year of 1911 showing the produce raised on the farm during that year The report is encouraging and shows that the soil is being tilled to good advantage and the livestock made to yield good returns The summary follows

Heads of cabbage raised 9,298 barrels of sauerkraut 19 tons of hay 25 bushels of wheat, 218 bushels of oats 545, dozens of eggs laid 850 gallons of milk 3 580, bushels of corn 645 bales of straw 190 soap made 8 002

Twenty one hogs were killed a total weight of 5 253 pounds

Officers Chosen

At a meeting yesterday of the stockholders of the Fayette Brewing Company the following directors were chosen for the coming year M B Shupe John I Keagan James Dolan and I S Wilkey James McGrath of Connellsville was elected president of the company William A McHugh of Uniontown vice president and J W Ralston of Connellsville was chosen secretary and treasurer The officers are also directors

Sun Spotters at Greensburg

The regular quarterly meeting of the Fayette and Westmoreland Photographers Association will be held Thursday of this week in Greensburg. The photographers will have examples of their work on exhibition

FARMER JURORS HEAD THE LIST

Agriculturists Take the Lead in Somerset County This Year.

JOURNALISTS ARE REPRESENTED

Likewise There is an Artist in the Wheel for 1912 and Others of Almost Innumerable Occupations Somerset Township Jurors Popular

SOMERSET, Jan 16 —An examination of the 712 jurors who have just recently been filled from which all jurors for the entire year will be drawn shows that the Somerset county agriculturist is still far in the lead in point of numbers of toilers of other occupations in the literate possessing the qualities that make up the men to sit in judgment on the deeds of those transgressors of the law by jurors of their peers Nearly half of the whole list selected for talesmen are farmers while laborers have the next highest number

Other callings are also represented For instance the wheel contains the names of some ministers of the Gospel and should a jury be held over a Sabbath Day the [illegible] and time will not be deprived of religious services provided of course that one of the divines is numbered among them Likewise [illegible] who [illegible] elers to start the [illegible] house clock should it [illegible] tists to relieve [illegible] electricians [illegible] with the lighting [illegible] ers for frozen water pipes [illegible] for the [illegible] colds bakers [illegible] hunger [illegible] ists to prop [illegible] barbers to battle with the [illegible] whiskers [illegible] should succumb [illegible] argument [illegible] jurors [illegible] should [illegible] roof leak [illegible] orderliness [illegible] dis units [illegible] shoes etc — what more could be asked [illegible] combination Jury Commission [illegible] teller and Shoemaker [illegible]

The following list [illegible] number of the men representing the various vocations [illegible] merchant 12 carpenters [illegible] 17 miners [illegible] agents 10 [illegible] foremen [illegible] 7 blacksmiths [illegible] ministers of the Gospel [illegible] millers [illegible] teachers 4 [illegible] contractors [illegible] stonemasons [illegible] dentists [illegible] painters 3 [illegible] tinners 2 [illegible] cobblers [illegible] derers 2 builders 2 plasterers 2 printers 2 tailors 1 clerk [illegible] marble cutter 1 nick [illegible] 1 burgess 1 undertaker 1 cashier 1 saddler 1 Justice of the Peace 1 drayman [illegible] mill operator 1 broker 1 artist 1 express messenger 1 banker 1 operator [illegible] 1 surveyor 1 [illegible] 1 bricklayer 1 [illegible] 1 druggist 1 trimmer 1 baker 1 plumber 1 florist 1 newspaper reporter

Following is a table of the districts in the county showing the number of jurors in [illegible] for each Addison township [illegible] Allegheny township [illegible] Benson 4 Berlin [illegible] Boswell 1[illegible] Black township 10 Brothersvalley township 46 Casselman 3 Conemaugh township [illegible] Confluence [illegible] Elk Lick township 3[illegible] Fairhope township [illegible] Garrett 1[illegible] Greenville township 9 Jefferson township 17 Jenner township 3[illegible] Jennertown [illegible] Larimer township 9 Lincoln township 16 Lower Turkeyfoot township 11 Meyersdale [illegible] Middlecreek township 1[illegible] Milford township 1[illegible] New Baltimore [illegible] New Centerville 3 Northampton township 9 Ogle township [illegible] Paint Borough [illegible] Paint township [illegible] Quemahoning township 2[illegible] Rockwood 1[illegible] Salisbury [illegible] Shade township 18 Somerfield [illegible] Somerset Borough [illegible] Somerset township 68 Southampton township [illegible] Stonycreek township 1[illegible] Stoystown [illegible] 7 Summit township 4 Upper Turkeyfoot township 1 Ursina [illegible] Wellersburg 1 Windber [illegible]

POLICE CHIEF SHOT

South Brownsville Officer's Pistol Drops to Floor and Explodes

BROWNSVILLE Jan 1[illegible] —Henry Harper aged 31 chief of police of South Brownsville accidentally shot himself in his room at the home of Frank Berry where he boarded at 1 o'clock Sunday morning and may die Harper had reported off duty a short time before and, going to his room was taking off his belt when his revolver slipped from the holster and exploded on striking the floor

The bullet entered the left side of the lower abdomen and passed through the body lodging under the fifth rib on the right side Harper was taken to the Uniontown hospital in a special car by Dr H B Mossmore Harper insisted on walking from his boarding house to the car a distance of about a quarter of a mile At the hospital he is said to be in a serious condition from internal hemorrhages Harper has been here about two years He was formerly chief of police in Altoona

HOME FOR CHILD

Martin Rospnk Offered His By Greensburg Man

Martin Rospnk the Irwin miner who wanted to give away his one year old child in town recently will be given assistance for finding a home for the infant T B Shuster of Greensburg attracted by the story has offered to make a home for the child Shuster states that he will make an effort to find Rospnk and if successful will make overtures for the keeping of the baby

Rospnk stated in a West Side drug store a few days ago that he has seven children the oldest being 14 years old He says he is a German and is employed at Edna No 2.

COURT IN SESSION

Second Week of Adjourned December Term Gets Under Way

UNIONTOWN Jan 1[illegible] —(Special)—The second week of the December adjourned term of civil courts was opened today [illegible] the cases on the list only 11 were [illegible] ready for trial

[illegible]

Motion was made to strike off [illegible] non suit in the case of [illegible] [illegible]

A petition to [illegible] the First Presbyterian church of Connellsville was filed

CHARITY COMMITTEE HALTS ITS CANVASS

Enough Has Been Subscribed to Meet Immediate Needs.

IMPOSTERS MAKE APPEARANCE

Side Meat Was Returned in One Instance and Best Bacon Asked as Substitute—Lost [illegible] Donated—Dozen Families Aided

[illegible]

MRS. AMANDA M'CLELLAN CALLED BY DEATH TUESDAY

Infirmities of Old Age Responsible for Demise of Well Known Woman Who Has Resided Here

Following a lingering illness due to the infirmities of old age Mrs Amanda McClellan [illegible] died [illegible] at the South Side private hospital [illegible] which institution she [illegible] admitted the [illegible] for treatment [illegible]

Mrs McClellan was born near West Newton and spent many years of her life in Westmoreland county When a young woman she was married to [illegible] McClellan also of Westmoreland county [illegible] Since that time Mrs McClellan has made her home among her children and grandchildren She was one of a family of three children all of whom lived until they were past 80 years old Her only surviving sister Mrs Caroline Cunningham of Smithton is in her 8[illegible] year

For the past year Mrs McClellan had made her home with her daughter Mrs Christine Echard at Uniontown The following children survive Mrs Cyrus Echard of Connellsville A [illegible] McClellan of near Pennsville Mrs Anna Spratt and Miss Lida McClellan both of [illegible]

Charles Long Dead

Charles Long, father of L H Long of Connellsville died Monday at his late home in Berlin Mr Long was [illegible] years old and was one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Berlin His wife died about two years ago Funeral services will be held tomorrow from his late home [illegible] Long [illegible] daughters [illegible] left for Berlin this afternoon Mr Long has been at Berlin for the past several days

Ralph L Potter Dead

Ralph Lincoln Potter aged [illegible] years son of G [illegible] and Anna Potter of the West Side died Sunday afternoon at [illegible] o'clock at the family residence on [illegible] West Side of typhoid fever Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence Interment in Hill Grove cemetery Rev F B Burgess pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church will officiate

Was Ancient Custom

As far back as 1[illegible]0 it was customary to make pencils that carried black lead.

STAR JUNCTION HAS BAD FIRE

Auditorium There Burned at Early Hour This Morning.

ADJOINING DWELLING SCORCHED

Fire Was Discovered by Fumes [illegible] Who Spread the Alarm—Loss Will Amount to Several Thousand Dollars—Lodges Are Losers

[illegible]

MEYERSDALE STEAM LAUNDRY IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Loss Is Estimated at $7,000 and Included Finished Work Ready for Delivery Yesterday

[illegible]

ERNEST R. KOOSER WAS QUIETLY MARRIED YESTERDAY

Popular West Penn Man Takes Jeannette Girl For Bride Romance Started at Picnic

[illegible]

Mr Kooser has been with the West Penn for [illegible] years starting in the billing department [illegible] he was promoted to the office of assistant to Superintendent [illegible] and has held that position since He attended [illegible] High School up to 1901

Miss Weaver has lived in Jeannette for about ten years The wedding is the culmination of a pretty romance started at one of the West Penn picnics held annually at Oakford park near Jeannette

LOST CASE

John Davis and Wife Not Awarded Damages by Pittsburg Jury

The jury in the case of Dr J P Kerr of Pittsburg who was sued by Mr and Mrs John Davis of Connellsville for $30,000 damages [illegible] found in favor of the defendant [illegible] tried in the Allegheny county courts Dr Kerr was said to have operated upon Mrs Davis and to have left a piece of gauze [illegible] the operation which impaired her health

WOULD NOT DONATE

Contrary Passenger Preferred Bunk in Greensburg Pullman

Rather than [illegible] the Pullman Company [illegible] ten [illegible] a passenger on the New York train No 3 [illegible] Greensburg [illegible] to remain in his berth over night

[illegible] he felt the he had economized to the extent of $1

Need Hotel Badly

The oil boom at Cannonsburg has emphasized the need of a good hotel there.

ENGINEER FOR FUN

When County Treasurer Wants Diversion He Grabs the Throttle

[illegible]

LONE COPPER TAKES JOB; TOLLS CURFEW

Already South Connellsville Loiterers are Taking Notice.

COUNCIL HOLDS A MEETING

Shantz Is Rented For Office of Burgess But There Are No Cells and Will Be None For Jim—Committee to Adjust Township Taxes

[illegible]

Sunday School Visits

[illegible]

Non Suit Granted

[illegible] for injuries received by [illegible]

MISS DULL IS BRIDE OF J. RAY MESTREZAT

Quiet Wedding at the Arlington Marked by Elaborate Appointments.

GO EAST FOR THE HONEYMOON

Only Relatives and Immediate Friends Are Present at Ceremony Wednesday Which Was Followed by Wedding Supper

[illegible]

Judge Buffington Sustained

[illegible]

Knitting Mills Destroyed

[illegible] Jan 16—Special—Fire [illegible] destroyed the plant of the [illegible] Knitting Mills [illegible] and [illegible] buildings to the extent of $50 000

DEATH SUMMONS G. M. SERPELL

Was for Some Years With Pittsburg & Connellsville at This Place

BIG BUSINESS MAN OF NORFOLK

Gave Up Railroading to Undertake Lumber Development of the South Lived the Strenuous Life and Was Loved and Admired by His Friends

Goldsborough McDowell Serpell civil engineer railroad manager lumber magnate and successful business man well known by the older generation in Connellsville where he was located for some years died early Saturday morning at his home in Norfolk, Va. He was about 70 years of age. Mr Serpell lived the strenuous life and was active in business and financial affairs in Norfolk up to the time of his death. Beginning a career of railroad engineering early in life Mr Serpell held the title of General Manager long after active railroading was ended. General Manager because his resignation was never accepted and only death made the vacancy. The road was the Norfolk & North Carolina a branch of the Atlantic Coast Line. He built it for commercial purposes but it so happened that when it was absorbed by the Atlantic Coast Line system the President of that company was Harry Walters who began his railroad career under Mr Serpell on the Pittsburg & Connellsville. Mr Walters would never consent to Mr Serpell's retirement.

"Come around to the office when you feel like it, or don't come at all," Walter would say. This remark always accompanied a point-blank refusal to accept Mr Serpell's resignation which was submitted frequently until he saw it useless.

A lovable man was Goldsborough McDowell Serpell. His friends liked and admired him. He was first known in this country when he brought his bride who was Miss Georgia Clark of Blandensburg, Md. to Connellsville in 1870 drove over the National Pike by way of Farmington to Ohiopyle where he took his first position in this section as Resident Engineer of the Pittsburg & Connellsville railroad then building its line across the Alleghenies to Cumberland. In 1872 the road was completed and Mr Serpell made its Chief Engineer with headquarters in Connellsville. Edward K. Hyndman resigned as General Superintendent of the Pittsburg & Connellsville in 1880 to accept the management of the Pittsburg & Western and G M Serpell succeeded him here.

Probably two years later Mr Serpell saw the opportunities awaiting the pioneer to develop the southern lumber resources. He resigned his position as General Superintendent of the Pittsburg & Connellsville railroad and went to Norfolk. There with others he organized the Luris & Serpell Lumber Company and set about marketing an immense tract of pine timber in northeastern North Carolina. Large mills were established at Norfolk. To make the project a commercial success it was necessary to build a railroad and about 20 miles of rails were laid. This road was known as the Norfolk & North Carolina. Later it was continued about 20 miles tapping the Atlantic Coast Line being eventually absorbed by that system.

Despite the magnitude of the lumber development undertaken by Mr Serpell and his associates he early became prominent in Norfolk's business and financial circles. He was affiliated with various banking and commercial concerns of that city. The fact of Mr Serpell's Southern nativity and his distinguished service in the Confederate army during the Civil War was a material aid to him in the South. His sympathy with Southern customs and habits and his Northern push and progressiveness enabled him to forge to the front in every line of his endeavor.

Mr Serpell was a native of Maryland having spent his boyhood days in the vicinity of historic Blandensburg not a great distance from Washington. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Confederate army passing through many thrilling experiences. He was once arrested as a spy narrowly escaped being hanged was confined in a Washington prison and escaped under exciting circumstances after his transfer to Fortress Munroe.

At the close of the war Mr Serpell went to Kentucky where he was on the force of civil engineers which constructed the Louisville & Nashville railroad. It was from that road that he came to Connellsville in 1870 to take up the position of Resident Engineer on the Pittsburg & Connellsville.

Mr Serpell is survived by his wife and eight children. The funeral was held in Norfolk today. News of his death did not reach Connellsville until late Saturday afternoon. It caused general regret among those who knew him well.

FISH IS DEAD

His Back Was Broken in Pipe Mill Accident Saturday

Injuries ultimately resulting in his death were received late Saturday afternoon by John Fish a moulder in the Scottdale plant of the United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry Company when a heavy piece of machinery fell on him.

The victim was immediately removed in an unconscious state to the Memorial hospital at Mt Pleasant where it was found that his back was broken. Fish lay unconscious all Saturday night and died at an early hour Sunday morning. He was then taken by an undertaker to his home in North Scottdale. Fish was 45 years old and is survived by a family in Russia.

Uniontown Man Dead

Mordecai Lincoln a well known resident of Uniontown died Sunday morning at 3 40 o'clock following an illness of about 14 months. Deceased was 74 years old. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Charles H and Harry B of Connellsville, Edward P of Smock, Sarah Lincoln at home, Mrs Mary Coffman and Mrs Lillian Davis of Uniontown.

PLUMBERS REAP HARVEST; BIGGEST BUSINESS EVER

Not a Firm in Town Was Able to Meet the Demand Saturday, the Climax of a Busy Week

The plumbing firms about town have reaped a harvest during the past two weeks. The zero weather which came to a grand climax Saturday with the 20-below record, has kept the pipe fitters on the go. The loss to property alone during the present cold snap amounts to hundreds of dollars and not only the plumbers but the plasterers and paperhangers will profit thereby.

Only the snow of the past week prevented the damage from going much higher. The snow protected the ground and served as a blanket to withstand the ravages of Saturday's cold. But for this water pipes would have been frozen in the street an expensive proposition for the unfortunate victim.

A man connected with one of the leading plumbing establishments of town is authority for the statement that there has been a greater demand for plumbers during the past week than in any one entire winter during the past two or three years. It has been practically impossible to keep pace with the demand for services.

Saturday was the one big day. The calls started with break of dawn and when night fell people were still appealing for relief. Plumbers were sent out not on one call but to a dozen. Each man had his list and some of them are waiting yet to see him. They did not report back to the shop in some instances until late Saturday night.

Trouble was reported from bursted water pipes and frozen heating apparatus. Every trouble seemed to come at once. On top of this the intense cold has caused an unexpected shrinkage of coal piles with the result that the coal man has been about as busy as the plumber.

General relief was expressed yesterday when the weather showed signs of moderating and the mercury sought some comfortable regions in the tube where up to Christmas the freezing point was cold for the present winter now people feel relieved when the mercury isn't lower than 10 above while zero is really moderate.

MISS REBECCA WEAVER

Aged Connellsville Woman Died Suddenly This Morning

Miss Rebecca Weaver aged [illegible] years five months and 13 days died very suddenly Saturday at the home of her nephew Harry McGraw on East Main street. Deceased arose this morning at her usual hour shortly after 6 o'clock and soon afterwards was taken ill. A physician was immediately summoned but life was extinct on his arrival. Heart trouble was the cause of her sudden death. The body was removed by Funeral Director C. C. [illegible] to the home of Mr and Mrs J D Percy on West Peach street from which place the funeral will take place. Mrs Percy is a niece of the deceased.

Miss Weaver was born at the Weavers Old Stand now known as Armbrust, Westmoreland county. She was a daughter of the late [illegible] B and Jane Weaver. Her mother died when she was quite a small child and since that time she made her home with her sister Mrs S D McGraw up until about a year ago when Mrs McGraw went to reside with her daughter Mrs J D Percy. Since that time Miss Weaver has made her home with Mr and Mrs Harry McGraw. She is survived by two sisters Mrs S D McGraw of Connellsville, Mrs Sara Chaun of Boston, Mass and a brother Nicholas Weaver of Hampsen, Kan.

Rev J [illegible] Proudfit pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiated at the funeral of the late Miss Rebecca Weaver which took place Sunday afternoon at [illegible] o'clock from the home of Mr and Mrs J D Percy on West Peach street. Both the services and interment were private. Appropriate music was rendered by Miss Martha Gemas, Charles Ridley, and Mr and Mrs S B Dull. James Wilkey, Harry Porter, Harry Percy and William Percy nephews of the deceased served as pallbearers. The out of town relatives who attended the services were Mr and Mrs James Wilkey and son James Jr, Mr and Mrs Harry Porter, Mrs Homer Miller of Scottdale and Mrs James Cox of Mt Pleasant.

MRS. ANNA. G. VAN HORN

Died Sunday Evening at Daughter's Normalville Home

Mrs Ann Caroline Van Horn widow of the late J T Van Horn died Sunday evening at the home of her daughter Mrs C K Brooks at Normalville. She was 84 years of age and death was due to the infirmities of old age. She had been ailing for the past eight months.

She was born at Miner in Westmoreland county. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Neighley. She married John T Van Horn at New Florence. He was a well known railroad man. The couple lived at Normalville and later spent 25 years of their married life at Mt Pleasant. Mr Van Horn died at 10 years ago.

Mrs Van Horn was a member of the German Reformed Church. She is survived by four children: H Van Horn of Scottdale, Albert Van Horn of Dawson, James L Van Horn of Mt Pleasant and Mrs Charles K Brooks of Normalville.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 1 30 o'clock from the residence of H T Van Horn at Scottdale. Interment was made at Mt Pleasant.

TWO STABBED

Fight Over Card Game Has Serious Ending

As the result of a dispute over a game of cards at Jamison No 1 over Sunday night Sam Nahalick and Mike Lenearts two foreign miners clashed and cut each other in the abdomen in a battle with knives.

Both men when taken to the Greensburg hospital, were in serious condition.

Eight arrests were made Monday morning and the men lodged in jail. All are foreigners.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO CHARITY APPEAL

The Contributions Saturday Were Liberal and More Being Made Today.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO THE FORE

Special Collection There Yesterday Netted $25—Relief Given the More Serious Cases and Destitution and Want Are Relieved

A generous response has been made to the appeal of the Chamber of Commerce for funds with which to take care of the cases of destitution and want that had been investigated by the Charity committee under Rev J L Proudfit its chairman. Although the committee made a late start Saturday evening and could canvass only three of the principal office buildings, the sum of $45 was raised in cash. The committee resumed its labors Monday and expects to make a substantial addition to this amount.

In all the churches Sunday the ministers made reference to the suffering that has been caused among the poor as a result of the cold wave and suggested that contributions be extended the Charity Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. At the Christian church Rev E T Allison directed that a special collection be taken and $25 was realized from this source.

It was stated that contributions of clothing, fuel and food would also be acceptable in addition to cash and these could be left at Rev Proudfit's home.

Saturday night Rev Proudfit made purchases of fuel food and clothing goods being delivered to the most serious cases. As a consequence the unfortunate families are now better able to withstand the rigors of winter than in previous time.

It will be necessary to raise a large fund if the committee is expected to give general relief. Much depends upon the weather. If the cold wave continues for any great length of time the outcome will be serious unless ample funds are forthcoming.

Rev Proudfit has carefully investigated every case and will not spend money or give relief save where it is absolutely necessary. There are several families that are in dire want. Their needs have been taken care of for the present but it cannot be determined how long assistance will be needed. Sickness has played a part in these cases. Where the head of the house is able to work no relief is given unless the committee is certain that it is absolutely necessary.

[illegible] of these practical [illegible] part of Rev Proudfit['s] [illegible] sured that the money will be judiciously expended. Rev Proudfit stated today that in addition to giving aid to the needy he was devoting a large part of his time to protect the charity committee from being imposed upon by mendicants and those who prefer to have it given them rather than to work for their sustenance.

Rev Proudfit was notified Saturday night that the Charity committee of the W. C. T. U. [illegible] its willingness to lend aid. The committee has available a portion of the fund contributed at Thanksgiving by the school children.

ANNUAL MEETING OF GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH IS HELD

During Past Year the Debt Was Reduced by $1,100—This Evening Council Will Be Installed

The annual congregational meeting of the German Lutheran St John's Church on Carnegie avenue and East South street, Rev George Lietz pastor, was held Sunday morning. This also the election of three new church council members. The income of the year 1911 was about $2,600 and the expenses $2,[illegible]. Even with the church debt amount to $[illegible],800. Of this during the last year $1,100 was paid off. So the present church debt is $[illegible],00.

Sunday next January 21 at 11 A M the newly elected Council members Bernard Gutbrod, Jacob Miller and John Lerch will be installed.

This evening at 7 o'clock a committee for revision being composed of Christ Kleifth, Fred Blum and F Gutbrod will meet at the German Lutheran parsonage to revise the books of the Secretary, Cashier and Treasurer.

The present Church Council members are Rev George Dietz President, John Lerch Secretary, Conrad Kohl Cashier, [illegible] Anthony Treasurer, Fred [illegible] Otto Kohler, Bernard Gutbrod Trustees, Jacob Miller, Conrad Schuessler and Joseph Kusnik of [illegible] elders.

WAS IT COLD AT OHIOPYLE? EVEN THE DOG FROZE TO COAT

Thermometer Out of Commission Because the Mercury Froze But Jack Hays Knew It Was Frigid

At Ohiopyle it was so cold Saturday morning the mercury froze in the tube. Jack Hays a watchman employed by the Ohiopyle Company knew it was cold as he had a concrete demonstration of the fact.

Hays laid his coat on the iron platform of a dinkey engine. His dog curled up on the coat and when Hays found them the coat was frozen to the iron and the dog held fast to the coat. Hays had to pry the coat loose and take the dog inside to thaw him away from the cloth.

Fayette to the Fore

Three applications for State roads have been made at Harrisburg from Fayette county since the Sproul State road bill went into effect. The petitions are from Washington township for 5,400 feet and two from Bullskin one for 5,148 feet and the other 24,288 feet.

ONE MINER IS KILLED IN DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Five Persons Injured When Double House Near Gans Is Mysteriously Blown Up—The Occupants Were Asleep

UNIONTOWN Jan 17—A mysterious dynamite explosion at the Crystal Coal works at the United Connellsville Coke Company near Gans between [illegible] and 4 o'clock Sunday morning, killed one man and injured five others two seriously. The double house known as Nos 5 and 6 was blown to pieces and the debris burned. Those killed or injured were asleep in the house at the time of the explosion. The dead:

ANDY EGAF [illegible] aged 21, married miner, blown to pieces.

The injured:

PAUL STUBA aged [illegible] single miner, foot dislocated.

MRS VERONICA KLIMKO aged 18 burned about head face and arms, hair burned off.

STEVE STUBA, JOHN KLIMKO, MIKE STOKES bruised and cut.

John Klimko and his wife conduct a boarding house and the others were boarders. Some time between 3 and 4 o'clock Sunday morning dynamite placed in a semi-cellar under the houses exploded and destroyed the building. The sleeping occupants were hurled to the ground. Egaf was sleeping above the spot where the dynamite went off and received the full force of the explosion. Mrs Klimko was caught in the burning debris and was severely burned about the [illegible].

Klimko received no warning of any nature and says that he knows of no cause for the explosion except that several men whom he had [illegible] jail term yesterday for stealing some beer at the time of Klimko's wedding, eight months ago, may have put the dynamite under the house.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Cochran Chapel at Vanderbilt Held Celebration Sunday

The twentieth anniversary of the dedication of Cochran Chapel Methodist Episcopal church at Vanderbilt was celebrated Sunday in the presence of a congregation which filled the church to its utmost capacity. It is 20 years since the church was dedicated, the building being made possible by the generosity of the late James Cochran. A number of improvements have been made to the church as the result of the united efforts of the congregation. [illegible] and [illegible] Howarth cathedral [illegible] organ has been installed.

The pastor is Rev Ralph Hall. [illegible] Secretary [illegible] Henderson [illegible] President of the [illegible] Knight. The former pastors present were Rev Daniel Flanigan of Pittsburg, who preached Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock. [illegible] Charleswerth of South Park [illegible] occupied the pulpit Sunday evening.

The program in full was as follows: [illegible] opening hymn, the Apostles' Creed, [illegible] prayer by [illegible] lesson [illegible] Charlesworth [illegible] the Kings [illegible] Snyder [illegible] gathered hymn.

Afternoon [illegible] short addresses by [illegible] Bell [illegible] quartette [illegible] resume of [illegible] church history by [illegible] Charlesworth [illegible] address by John P. St[illegible] selection [illegible] Sunday [illegible].

Evening [illegible] Flanigan [illegible] sermon [illegible] Charlesworth [illegible] vocal [illegible] Mrs [illegible] closing [illegible].

CIVIL LIST ABOUT WOUND UP AT UNIONTOWN, ONE CASE ON

Guardians Appointed For Excessive Man—Dunbar Man Asks Divorce From His Wife

UNIONTOWN Jan 17—Guardians were appointed this morning for [illegible] Merr[illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] William Merrill [illegible] Fayette Title & Trust Company [illegible].

Adolph M[illegible] of Dunbar wants a divorce from his wife Mary on the grounds of desertion. The [illegible] h[illegible] ruling.

A verdict of $100 damages was returned yesterday in Ann Kuhn [illegible] against Rev [illegible] Troyl [illegible] of Carnol [illegible] in Uniontown [illegible].

The [illegible] of Margaret A. Williams against Christian P. Shire was non-suited on the grounds that the insurance company was to benefit by the suit.

A recount of the vote for constable in Brownsville township was made last [illegible] on the complaint of [illegible] Gussman [illegible] against S P Min[illegible]. The trouble is the outgrowth of a political [illegible] up as to the nominations and the printing of ballots.

All the jurors for the week were discharged yesterday with the exception of twelve in the mandamus suit of George Roth against the [illegible] Connellsville Coke Company.

The following three applications for retail liquor license was filed yesterday: Harry Merritt of Ohiopyle, Harry Rush and Charles O. Collins of [illegible] and William A. Furlong of South Connellsville.

Catholic Trustees Named

The result of the election of church trustees for the ensuing year held Sunday a week ago by the congregation of the Immaculate Conception church was announced Sunday morning by Rev Father J. J. Burns. The trustees elected were J. J. Jormey, John [illegible] Elston, John Dixon, James McCrill, W. F. Soisson, Fred Neuroth and J. L. Frisen.

Company is Chartered

A charter was awarded in Harrisburg Saturday to the Connellsville Garbage & Fertilizer Company. The incorporators are James Guynn, George Hetzel, James Francis, A. A. Straub and Henry Hetzel.

The Weekly Courier, $1 00 a year.

PASTOR EXCORIATES LEAP YEAR DANCE

Rev. R. E. Cairns Makes High School Girls an Object Lesson.

MORE THRILLS ARE ON THE WAY

Last Night's Sermon at the Methodist Protestant Church Said to Be Only First of a Series—Wants Mothers to Keep Girls at Home

The Leap Year dance [illegible] given [illegible] the High School girls [illegible] Methodist Protestant church by Rev R. E. Cairns, the pastor. [illegible] thrills will [illegible] the [illegible] Bill [illegible].

[illegible]

FAYETTE COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Deeds Recorded

[illegible]

Marriage Licenses

[illegible]

Legal Notices

[illegible]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT [illegible]

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RUTH ARTMAN, Stenographer

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B F BOYTS
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W F SOISSON
Soisson Fire Brick Company.
ROBERT FELTY.
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DR M B SHUPE

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[illegible]

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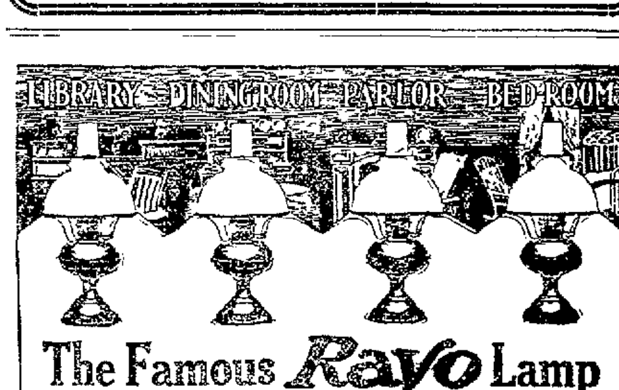

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PNEUMONIA IS THE DREADED DISEASE

Chief Weapon of Grim Reaper in Connellsville in 1911.

TUBERCULOSIS RANKS SECOND

With Heart Disease Claiming the Same Number—Five Were Burned to Death During the Year and Four Suicided—32 Accidents

Pneumonia is the dread disease of the coke region, according to the vital statistics report submitted to Council by the Deputy Registrar, Miss Anna Sturm. Accidents caused the greater number of the 215 deaths 33 being from this cause. Of the deaths from illness, pneumonia led with 14, tuberculosis and heart disease followed with 11 each, typhoid claimed seven lives and diphtheria three. The report, in full, will be presented at the next meeting of Council. It is a complete necrological record for the years of 1910 11.

The causes of deaths in 1911 from the whooping cough to tongue-twisting cardiac asthenia and similar designations. Deaths due to accidents were the more numerous. There were 32 deaths from accidents. Old age claimed three, while the White Plague garnered 11 victims. In the list are the names of Christabel Smith, Mabel Wagner, Frank Stirone and Ada Pearl Thomas, victims of the McCrorey fire disaster of a year ago.

Twenty-five of the deaths occurred in the hospitals, the remainder being at their homes with one exception of a foreigner who died in the West Penn waiting room. Of the total deaths ten were colored, 27 foreigners and the remainder Americans. In the report are given the name of the person, the date of death and the nature of the disease.

Following is the summary showing the cause of death: Accidents 32, old age 3, epilepsy 1, peritonitis 4, erysipelas 1, abscess 4, burned to death 5, suicide 4, pneumonia 14, premature birth 23, hemorrhage 4, tuberculosis 11, cancer 4, whooping cough 1, pericarditis 2, malnutrition 2, apoplexy 4, congestion 1, heart disease 11, chronic disease 7, meningitis 3, bronchitis 1, intestinal trouble 1, malformed liver 4, paralysis 4, la grippe 1, carcinoma 5, cholecystitis 1, uremia 1, convulsions 2, diabetes 1, typhoid fever 7, inanition 4, carbuncle 1, struck by lightning 1, gastric enteritis 1, arterio sclerosis 5, cholera infantum 2, cardiac asthenia 1, ileo colitis 3, dropsy 1, hydrocephalus 1, diphtheria 3, lymphadenoma 1, gangrene 1, gastric enterine 1, mitral insufficiency 1, myelogenous leukemia 1, influenza nephritis 1, cardiac asthma 1, puerperal sepsis 1, dystocia 2, inflammation of brain, gestation 1.

MISS ANASTASIA M'GARRITY IS NOW MRS. CLARENCE ROCKS

Ceremony at the Immaculate Conception Church This Morning Followed by Yough House Breakfast

This morning at 8 o'clock the marriage of Miss Anastasia McGarrity of Broad Ford and Clarence Rocks of Rices Landing was solemnized at the Immaculate Conception church in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom. The bride who was attended by Miss Riley as maid of honor wore a blue tailored traveling suit with hat to match. Thomas Rocks was best man. Rev. Father J. F. Burns officiated.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party and a number of friends were driven to the Yough House where a daintily appointed wedding breakfast was served. Covers were laid for 20. The diningroom is still attractive with Christmas decorations and the table decorations were carried out in the same colors. The place cards were dainty affairs adorned with wreaths of bride's roses while bouquets of narcissus were used as floral decorations.

The bride is well known in Connellsville and has resided at Broad Ford for some time past. The bridegroom is well known in and around Connellsville. After the wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Rocks left for an Eastern trip.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At Annual Meeting of Title & Trust Company Stockholders

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Title & Trust company officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, I. I. Ruth; Vice President, R. Marietta; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Melvin Gex; Bookkeeper, Byron Porter; Stenographer, Miss Elizabeth Ankeny; Manager of the Foreign Department, J. N. Wesley.

Directors: R. Marietta, W. H. Soisson, Edward K. Dick, A. D. Soisson, Harry Dunn, J. Melvin Gex, I. I. Ruth, E. C. Higbee of Connellsville and A. W. Mellon and William Gibson of Pittsburg. The regular semi annual dividend of $[illegible] was declared. This bank has paid over $[illegible] in dividends since its organization.

EXAMINATION JAN 23

For Stenographers in U. S. Service to Be Held in Uniontown

Floyd A. Seaman, Secretary of the Civil Service Commission for this district has announced an examination for stenographer and typewriter in both the Department and Field service on January 23.

Applications for Department service should be made with the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, for Field Service with the Secretary of the Third Civil Service District, Philadelphia.

The examinations will be held in the Municipal building at Uniontown.

Caught in the Act

Frank W. Slater of Cleveland was caught in the act of trying to bunco the Marheimer meat market at Sharon.

SAILOR UNDER MANY FLAGS IN GRAVE AT COUNTY HOME

Man Who Lost Life in Monongahela River Had a Picturesque Career in Different Lands

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 11.—It was learned today that Walter Probelt said to be the correct name of the man whose body was found last week in the Monongahela river near Brownsville, was of a good family and had lived a picturesque career as a sailor under many flags. Undertaker J. Harry Johnston was given papers belonging to the dead man which had been left with Conrad N. Franks of Point Marion who identified the body. Probelt last worked for the Nilan Glass Works, near Point Marion, and had $1[illegible] due him. He is believed to have left a wife in Philadelphia.

Probelt was born in Valparaiso, Chili. He and his sister became separated when he was 10 years old and never saw each other again. Probelt served in the navies of the United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico and the United States. He was honorably discharged from all.

CHASE GIVES UP Y. M. C. A. POSITION

The Popular Secretary Will Leave Early in February for Boston.

HOURS HERE ARE TOO LONG

That Is One of the Reasons Assigned. Future Plans Not Announced, But It Will Probably Be Along Religious Lines

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association Thursday Secretary Frank L. Chase made his formal resignation to take effect January 31. Seven directors were present.

When seen by a reporter Friday Mr. Chase stated that he would not make an announcement at this time concerning what line of work he will take up but said it would not be Association work and intimated that it would be along religious lines in which he has been actively engaged since he came to Connellsville. Mr. Chase came to town in August 1908 succeeding I. A. Eby, now State Religious Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. When he ceases to be identified with the local institution that last of this month he will have been in charge here for 3½ years.

The reasons given by Mr. Chase for his resignation is that the long hours necessary to devote to the Association work are such that he is deprived from being with his family. Mr. Chase will leave early in the month of February for Boston where he will take up his future work. He has two brothers in Boston, one a minister, and the other a deacon in the North Avenue Baptist church which recently called Rev. J. A. F. Palmquist.

Before coming to Connellsville Mr. Chase was assistant secretary of the Providence R. I. Association.

He leaves the Association with a membership of 340, it having been raised from 161 in March 1909.

Mr. Chase was actively identified with the two revivals held in the city in the past two years, having been Secretary of both campaigns. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the Ministerial Association and Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school for two years.

The Y. M. C. A. lecture course will be continued under the direction of J. C. Munson, chairman of the lecture committee. Two numbers remain.

It was rumored today that Physical Director Kilbourne was contemplating handing in his resignation but Mr. Kilbourne denied this.

BUFANO BACK FROM UTAH; SECURES STAY FOR ACCUSED

Through His Efforts Robert Zafina Will Not Be Executed January 19 and Appeal Is Allowed

Antonio Bufano, one of the leading Italian residents of the county, returned Wednesday from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was successful in securing a stay of sentence in behalf of Robert Zafina, a former Fayette county resident now under sentence of death for murder in the first degree.

Bufano has been working on the case for some weeks past. He went to Salt Lake City armed with an array of facts in addition to letters of introduction from prominent men of this State, all of which were presented to Governor Spry and other State officials.

Zafina was convicted along with two other Italians for the murder of a man at Price, Carbon county, Utah. Bufano claims that the evidence shows Zaffina was unjustly convicted. The three men were tried at once.

A stay of execution was issued by the Governor and an appeal will be taken. Bufano is confident the young man will be acquitted.

NEW HEATER

Butler Man Invents One Made Out of Cement

Leonard [illegible] of Butler, a practical cement worker and furnace builder, has invented a new kind of heater to heating any number of rooms.

The new heater now in use in his house is made of cement and its use has demonstrated that it is the most economical heater as it has displaced four gas stoves and uses but a single bucket of coal a day.

Bartenders Convention

Visiting unions at the convention of the Western Pennsylvania Bartenders Association to be held at New Brighton Sunday, February 11 will be entertained by Beaver Valley Union No. 278 of Beaver Falls. About 200 delegates are expected.

BURGESS DEPLORES PLAYGROUND LACK

Says Youngsters of Town Need Place They Can Slide in Safety.

COASTING STOPPED LAST NIGHT

After Accident to Esten Rush the Police Were Ordered to Put an End to Pastime—Suggestion Made That Coasting Place Be Reserved

Anent the coasting accident which occurred on the Crawford avenue hill Wednesday, Burgess Evans Thursday deplored conditions that do not make it possible for the younger generation to sled ride in safety. Immediately after the accident Wednesday evening Officer Stoner was dispatched to the scene with orders to stop all further coasting. An officer was also sent to the Fayette street hill which is considered even more dangerous than those on the South Side.

It was suggested to the Burgess that the plan followed by several other cities be adopted, that a separate night or day be laid aside known as coasting night. On this night one of the hills of the city is roped off and no vehicles allowed on it. Policemen are in attendance to see that order is maintained and to prevent accidents. This plan is hardly feasible in Connellsville as all of the hills in town are more or less dangerous. The Fayette street hill which has probably claimed more victims than any other in this section is out of the question according to the Burgess because of the Pennsylvania railroad crossing. [illegible] Crawford avenue and South Pittsburg street hills are also barred because these are the only streets over which traffic toward the South Side can be maintained. Owing to the dangerous curve the West Side hill is out of the question.

But the kids must sled ride, said the Burgess with a sigh.

BRAKEMAN LAST SEEN IN CUMBERLAND IS WAYLAID

Next Time William Fair, a Connellsville Division Man, Was Found Unconscious at Piedmont

William Fair of Baltimore, a brakeman on the Connellsville division is in the Allegany hospital, Cumberland, in a serious condition. The case of Brakeman Fair is one of mystery. Tuesday evening, [illegible] and [illegible] o'clock Fair was called to work extra trains out of Connellsville. He left his boarding house, Virginia avenue, Cumberland, in perfect health and spirits with his watch and five dollars in money in his pockets. About 7 o'clock he was at the B. & O. dispatchers office on Williams street where he received directions concerning his train.

This so far as could be ascertained was the last seen of Fair until midnight Tuesday when he was discovered lying along the B. & O. tracks near a grove [illegible] Piedmont, W. Va. His hands and face were frozen, his skull fractured and money and watch were gone. The man was unconscious when picked up by some railroad men who took him to the Baltimore & Ohio station. The [illegible] was at first they were [illegible] what to do with him. His identity was later ascertained and he was taken to Cumberland and removed to the hospital. The man's friends are of the opinion that he was waylaid and robbed and placed on a Piedmont freight from which he rolled off.

HOTEL COMPANY STILL SEEKS MONOPOLY OF WATER SUPPLY

In Latest Action Mickleton Management Would Restrain Western Maryland From Putting Down Well

SOMERSET, Pa., Jan. 12.—The Mickleton Hotel Company, owner of the well known summer resort and sanitorium at that place, which recently secured a perpetual injunction restraining the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company from taking water from Isers run for use on their railroad in supplying locomotives, etc., today secured a preliminary injunction enjoining the Connellsville & State Line Railroad from appropriating the waters of the same stream and further prohibiting the drilling of a well near the stream for a water supply.

The Mickleton Hotel Company claims that to allow the railroads to use the water in dispute would destroy the hotel's water supply. The Connellsville & State Line company proposes to drill a well on the right of way secured by condemnation proceedings from the hotel company in case they were deprived of the waters of Isers run, and even this plan the Mickleton concern seeks to check mate.

Injured Coasting

While coasting down North Diamond hill Thursday Walter McDonald, [illegible] years son of William McDonald of [illegible] met with an accident which resulted in a fractured collar bone and bruises about the neck. The sled on which McDonald was coasting collided with another sled. The boy was removed to his home and Dr. H. J. Bell was summoned and dressed the injuries.

Wins His Suit

[illegible] Newcomer of New [illegible] won his [illegible] in the Superior Court for the [illegible] 10 acres of Greene county coal from J. R. Close. Upon receiving word of the decision Mr. Newcomer immediately closed negotiations for the sale of the property to the [illegible] Company of Waynesburg for $[illegible] an acre.

Sues on Note

The Ohio Valley Clay Company has entered suit against the National Glass Brick Company to recover $[illegible] alleged to be due on a note.

HOOPER ELECTED DIRECTOR IN YOUGH NATIONAL BANK

He Succeeds the Late B. F. Boyts on the Board, Having Been Elected Yesterday Afternoon

Thomas J. Hooper

On Tuesday the stockholders of the Yough National Bank elected Thomas J. Hooper to succeed the late Benjamin F. Boyts on the board of directors. [illegible] institution.

Mr. Hooper has [illegible] [illegible] business [illegible] [illegible] enterprising [illegible].

SOMERSET JURORS

Those Drawn For the Second Week of Civil Court

SOMERSET, Jan. 12.—The jurors for the second week of Somerset civil court sitting February [illegible] are as follows:

[illegible]

M'CRORY FIRE OCCURRED JUST ONE YEAR AGO FRIDAY

It Was on January 12, 1911 That Five Lives Were Snuffed Out in Dreadful Gas Explosion

[illegible] in the [illegible] store of J. G. McCrory & Company at the corner of Pittsburg and Apple street. Since that time the building has been replaced and the firm [illegible] did before the fire.

[illegible] two story building was [illegible]. The [illegible] subsequent fire while [illegible] sustained [illegible]. Four employes of the [illegible] five and ten cent store gave up their lives. They were Christabel Smith, Mabel Wagner, Mount [illegible] and Ada Pearl Thomas. Frank Stirone [illegible] Potter was the only one who lost his life.

Within the year all claims against the Fayette County Gas Company have been [illegible] settled without a suit being entered.

The January [illegible] the [illegible] was the coldest and almost that the coke region has ever known. [illegible] more [illegible].

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS FOR 1911 SHOWS GOOD INCREASE

Postmaster Kurtz's Office Did $[illegible] More in 1911 Than During Year of 1910

[illegible]

Looking For a Man

A [illegible] for a [illegible] of [illegible] City [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is married.

No More Flirting

[illegible] new regulations for construction telephone lines [illegible] operators on the Pennsy[illegible].

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES IN ANNUAL MEETING

No Change was Made in Official Board at Session Friday

THE HOSPITAL IS INSPECTED

All the Trustees Were Present With the Exception of Dr. G. W. Neff of Masontown—Col. Reid Entertains Members at Supper

The annual meeting of the Cottage State Hospital trustees was held on Thursday at the Cottage State Hospital. It was followed by a dinner at the home of Col. [illegible] M. Reid who is the President of the board [illegible] as the [illegible].

There was no change in the officers of the Board. [illegible] President [illegible] Charles [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Lyons [illegible].

[illegible]

In addition to the sun parlor [illegible] instruments have been [illegible] the hospital one of the best equipped in this section of the State.

[illegible] close.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY U. R., KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Connellsville Organization is on [illegible] Boom and Eight New Members Were Taken Into the Fold

[illegible]

NOT THOUGHT WEST PENN WILL HAVE TO ADOPT ANY FENDERS

Record of Road in Regard to Accident Likely to Exempt It From Any Blanket Ruling

[illegible] the West Penn [illegible] fenders [illegible] cars [illegible] fenders being placed on the car.

[illegible] history of the West Penn company the list of accidents have been considerably lower than any other traction company in the state. Superintendent A. A. Cohen [illegible] this morning that he hardly thought [illegible] the Commission would extend its ruling to the local company.

WEST PENN LINEMAN LOSES BALANCE FALLS FROM POLE

E. D. Cetzendiner Met With Mishap at Stanford and is in Serious Condition at Mt. Pleasant

[illegible]

[illegible]

Western Maryland Right of Way Agent Transferred to Cumberland

[illegible]

Meter Readers Many

[illegible] Manager of the West Penn reports that [illegible] three hundred people have [illegible] [illegible] West Penn.

"LOOK PLEASANT, PLEASE;" LAWYERS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED

All the Attorneys of County Being Shot For a Big Composite Group Picture

There was a great deal of primping [illegible] in the Title & Trust building [illegible] for it was the occasion for taking the pictures of all the lawyers in town. Beginning [illegible] this morning Hugh [illegible], representing [illegible] of Pittsburg studio has been on the job [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in town this morning from Uniontown where he [illegible] month [illegible]. Altogether there [illegible] members of the [illegible] Bar [illegible] [illegible] bring it up to [illegible] 110 pictures [illegible] being taken.

The [illegible] will be [illegible] in size and will be [illegible] [illegible] photograph. At the bottom of the picture will be the title, The Fayette County Bar Association, and under each picture will appear the subject's name. They will be ready for distribution in about two weeks.

FIRST SLEDDING MISHAP OCCURS

Esten Rush Sustains Broken Collar Bone Under Automobile.

COLLISION ON THE SOUTH SIDE

Dr. T. B. Echard Was Avoiding Pittsburg Street Coasters When Bob Sled From Crawford Avenue Swept Around Corner

Speeding down Crawford avenue hill on a bob sled at a high rate of speed Esten Rush, [illegible] son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rush of Prospect street, was swept under the wheels of a passing automobile and run over Wednesday [illegible]. The machine was driven by Dr. Thomas B. Echard. [illegible] collar bone.

[illegible]

All of the [illegible] toward the South Side [illegible] at the Crawford avenue and South Pittsburg street hills [illegible] dangerous [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

According to [illegible] witnesses Dr. Echard [illegible] was [illegible] on Pittsburg street hill and was nearly opposite [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The boy was taken in the machine [illegible] to the South Side hospital where physicians were in attendance [illegible] thought [illegible] that he would not [illegible] but this morning he was much better [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this afternoon [illegible] to his home [illegible].

TWO CARS PASS OVER HIM; INJURIES ARE BUT SLIGHT

John P. Blair, Brakeman, Had a Narrow Escape From Death in Yards This Morning

John P. [illegible] brakeman [illegible] had a narrow escape from being seriously injured in the yards [illegible] slipped and fell between [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Wall, W. Va. [illegible]

[illegible] $1.00 [illegible]

SCOTTDALE FARMERS FOR BIG INSTITUTE

Interesting Program for Two Day Event on January 22 and 23.

FOUR STATE SPEAKERS ON

Scottdale Was Not Assigned Any Institute This Year, But Their Enterprise and Independence in Going Ahead Recognized by State

SCOTTDALE, Jan. 11.—Due to [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] this [illegible] the first Farmers Institute which will be held in [illegible] Hall Monday and [illegible] will have an [illegible] interesting program [illegible] the State Department of Agriculture did not [illegible] Scottdale [illegible] [illegible] of farmers [illegible] this year the enterprise and independence of the Scottdale people in holding their own institute [illegible] there to be given [illegible] State institute talent [illegible] local talent is also on the program.

The first session will begin at 10 A. M. Monday January 22 with Arthur T. Porter as chairman. There will be [illegible] address of welcome [illegible] [illegible] lecturer [illegible] [illegible] Business [illegible] will speak on [illegible]. The afternoon session will open at 1 [illegible] with Edward Workman [illegible] Alfalfa will be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] which has created such interest in this section. At [illegible] o'clock H. M. [illegible] one of the State experts will continue the subject under the title [illegible] Alfalfa. At [illegible] J. W. [illegible] will speak of The Selection [illegible] and [illegible] Handling [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lecturer will follow with an address on The Value of Fertilizer and the Cheapest Way to Get It. D. H. Watts the State man will close [illegible] with an address Starting an Apple Orchard.

The evening session will open at [illegible] with W. C. Myers as chairman. Music [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one of the very interesting [illegible] institute L. W. Lighty will talk on The Farm Home As It Should Be.

The sessions will open on Tuesday morning [illegible] [illegible] Strawberry Culture will be discussed by two local growers [illegible] Phillips. At [illegible] H. J. Watts will talk on Culture [illegible] of the Orchard. H. M. Anderson will talk on [illegible] [illegible] at 10 o'clock [illegible] [illegible] will talk on The Mellow [illegible] Producer and Soil [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the subject of [illegible] talk at [illegible] Seeds will follow with the address Improvement the Keystone of Agriculture.

The program for Tuesday afternoon will open at 1:30 with [illegible] presiding. [illegible] H. Culver of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Poultry for the [illegible] [illegible] H. Watts will discuss Insect Pests, Spraying. [illegible] identification will be the subject [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] o'clock H. M. Anderson will talk on [illegible] the Rural [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] W. [illegible] Consciences [illegible].

The evening session will open at [illegible] with [illegible] Lyons as the chairman [illegible] Superintendent [illegible] [illegible] Show [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Church [illegible] [illegible] with an address [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] general discussion of the farmers institutes by Rev. W. J. Muir.

The programs will be interspersed with music. The Scottdale and East Huntingdon township schools have been invited [illegible] the program. The program [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] for the people of the section.

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MEYERSDALE, Jan. 1[illegible].—George Shunks [illegible] o'clock Wednesday morning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Shunks who was unmarried came [illegible] Somerset [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] flight of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thought that the [illegible] [illegible] death [illegible] tomorrow [illegible] Somerset [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

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ANDREW CARNEGIE TAKES THE STAND

Appears Before the Stanley Investigating Committee

DISCOURSES ON MANY MATTERS

Believes in Regulation of Trusts; Says Steel Needs No Tariff and Denies Ever Receiving Rebates—Day of Competition Is Past.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Andrew Carnegie, the famous steel magnate and philanthropist, appeared before the Stanley Steel Investigating Committee of the House last week and for three days occupied the stand. He underwent a severe grilling at the hands of the committee, but proved a willing witness. Mr. Carnegie discoursed on many subjects. He announced his belief that the day of competition is past; that government regulation of corporations is preferable to their dissolution; that the steel industry in this country does not need a protective tariff and that he never received a rebate while in business.

Only after a shrewd battle of wits would Andrew Carnegie admit to the Stanley Committee on Wednesday that the steel industry is dominated by the trust and that the day of competition has passed. The shrewd little Scotchman led the members of the investigating committee a merry chase. Even after an exciting passage with the representatives, Carnegie was inclined to wander. Representative Beall brought out important testimony.

"Dou you believe that the day of competition is over?" queried Beall.

"Yes, I do," Carnegie answered.

"Why has competition ceased?" Beall asked.

"Because the Corporation's representatives have been able to sit down and agreed to fix and maintain prices. This is obvious," said Carnegie.

"How can this be remedied?" was asked.

Here again Carnegie wandered. Finally he declared that the government should regulate maximum prices.

"That system has been successful with the railroads and would be a success with the steel business."

"Don't you believe that it is time that the punitive arm of the law should be invoked and the men who smother competition should be seized by the strong hand of the law and incarcerated?" he asked. "Should he not be held up as an example to millionaires that they may no longer be independent of the law. Is it not time that we decided that ignorance of the law is no excuse?"

"That is a good legal view," said Carnegie, "but I think morally that a man's conscience is clear who can say 'I did not wrong knowingly.'"

Carnegie pleaded for clemency for the ignorant manufacturer. Several times he was cornered but always managed to extricate himself, a philosphical sally saving his face. He declared that no consideration had been given the Sherman law from 1890 on until he left the steel business. He asserted he had never suspected that the men associated with him were violating the law.

"Out of all of the trouble" Carnegie volunteered, "a new condition will arise. There will be a new era in which all classes, capital and labor will be linked together."

Beall wanted to know if Carnegie did not think that it was strange that so many men in the 90's were ignorant of the law and the ironmaster said, "No."

"Don't you think that if the criminal clause of the Sherman law had been enforced some philanthropist would have established a night school to teach the millionaires that law," Beal insisted.

"That is a violent suggestion," said Carnegie. "You might have started a Sunday school."

Mr. Carnegie was brought before the committee primarily to enlighten it on the subject of overcapitalization. In this respect his evidence was rather a disappointment for he insisted that he made a poor bargain when he sold his steel interests to the Corporation for $480,000,000.

In order to fix the value of iron ore in the ground, the witness was urged to put an estimate upon this product and express and opinion whether the valuation placed upon its ore holdings by the Steel Corporation were excessive.

But Mr. Carnegie declined to commit himself definitely upon the subject. However, he admitted that the Carnegie Steel Company had bought the Rockefeller ore deposits on royalty at from 15 to 25 cents per ton, but he said the future value of these same ore beds might have been much greater. Incidentally, he predicted that the price of ore would go up.

Mr. Carnegie was particularly emphatic in his testimony relating to the sale of his property to the United States Steel Corporation at the behest of J. Pierpont Morgan, and told the committee that he wanted to end gossip that he had held out for an unreasonable price.

"Had I known that the Moores were behind that option, which I made on a valuation of $320,000,000," said Mr. Carnegie, "I never would have given it."

"When you gave that valuation of the Carnegie properties," asked Representative Sterling, "did you consider that the earning power of the concern justified it?"

"Yes," said Mr. Carnegie "and I'll tell you why. I was asked to give an option on our property by my partner, Mr. Frick. I gave an option of $250,000,000, but that did not include the H. C. Frick Coke Company, which we later included at $70,000,000, making the total $320,000,000. For such an option I demanded $2,000,000 as an earnest of good faith, and $1,000,000, my share of the $2,000,000 was deposited to my account while I was in Europe, but the other million never was raised."

Mr. Carnegie was asked about the Steel Plate Association, and other pools, which the Carnegie Company was a party to in the late 90's, and which continued until 1904. He said he had known of the existence of pools, but did not know that they were unlawful until many years afterward.

"I never knew anything about the details of those pools," he said. "I knew that such pools existed, but I left the business to my young men. I was abroad much of the time. If I couldn't trust my young men, what could I have done myself?

"As I remember it, the pools were not declared unlawful under the Sherman law, until very recently. Senator Hoar, who had much to do with the framing of the Sherman law, wrote a statement after the passage of that law, that pools were not prohibited by it."

Mr. Carnegie related the history of his retirement from the steel business. He told how Charles M. Schwab, then president of the company, had come to him with a message from J. Pierpont Morgan, asking him if he desired to retire from business and how much he wanted for his properties.

"I told Mr. Schwab that it would depend entirely upon my partners," said Mr. Carnegie. "I was ready to go. Already I had become engaged in arduous work trying to dispose of surplus wealth, and I was willing to retire.

"We went over the estimate, and considered the former option of $320,000,000. Scawab had figures to show that since that was given about two and ha half years before the property had grown in value about $100,000,000. He thought we ought to add that, and I agreed with him. Mr. Morgan accepted that figure."

When asked by Mr. Gardner about the statement made by Senator Oliver that the Carnegie Company received railroad rebates, Mr. Carnegie declared:

"It's astonishing how suspected an honest corporation can be. I never received a rebate that I know of in all my life."

Mr. Carnegie then related how he had fought the Pennsylvania railroad because of a discrimination in rates against him, how he had interested the Vanderbilts in a project to erect a competing road to the East, and how the Vanderbilts had "gone over to the enemy" ending the project.

Mr. Carnegie declared that, instead of the Carnegie Company having received rebates, as a matter of fact, he had forced the Pennsylvania by threats to build competing roads to agree to give him rates as low as those given competitors.

Carnegie lined up with the anti-trust views of Theodore Roosevelt as against the trust dissolution plans of President Taft in the hearing before the Stanley Committee on Thursday. The little ironmaster indulged in several lengthy arguments as to the theory of controlling the trusts and with enthusiastic gestures declared for the control and regulation of the large trusts units by the government.

"In the solution of this trust problem," said Carnegie, "there are two ideas in this country. One is the idea of President Taft that these big corporations be broken up and dissolved and the other as expressed by former President Theodore Roosevelt as existing under the law, we should look to the recognition of these large units under careful, close governmental regulation."

"In which of these classes do you find yourself?" he was asked.

"I know the views of Roosevelt and I agree with them," the witness answered. "I think for the present that we should allow the large business organizations to continue. You should pass laws regulating the trusts and then see what other legislation is needed."

"Do you believe the Sherman law should be repealed or that it should be strengthened to hasten the dissolution of these corporations?"

Carnegie was not in favor of strengthening the Sherman law.

"Do you believe the dissolution of the Steel Trust would reduce the price of steel?" asked Representative Gardner.

"I do not," answered Carnegie, "the only way to do that is to give the government power to regulate prices."

It was observed in the examination that the witness did not attempt evasions. It was assumed that the ironmaster had adopted the more willing attitude as the result of a conference which he had last night with Senator Root and the two Reeds, the father of Carnegie's personal Counsel and the son, Counsel for the Steel Trust before the Committee.

The ironmaster was given an uncomfortable half hour by Representative McCulloughy and he is to be recalled again today, though he urged that he be permitted to conclude his testimony yesterday.

"Was Philander C. Knox counsel for the company between the years of 1896 and 1900?" asked McCulloughy.

Mr. Carnegie whispered to Mr Reed and then answered he was.

"During all that period did Mr. Knox or any of your counsellors ever advise you of the existence of the Sherman anti-trust law, passed in 1890, and that pols such as your company participated in were unlawful?"

"I never heard a word from any of them," said Mr. Carnegie, "and I don't think they understood that the Sherman law had anything to do with our business. I had heard somewhere of the Sherman law, but thought it applied only to railways."

"Wasn't it the duty of your legal advisers to keep your company advised as to the laws passed by Congress?" Mr. McCulloughy asked.

"I suppose that they would consult with the officials of the company," was the reply. "I never was an official."

"Then you were left in absolute ignorance as to the effect of the Sherman law?"

"Yes, sir."

"Mr. Carnegie," Representative McCulloughy continued, "did you recommend to President McKinley, after his election in 1900, that the same attorney, Philander C. Knox, who left you in blissful ignorance all those years about the effect of the Sherman law, be appointed Attorney General of the United States?"

Mr Carnegie looked at his questioner for a moment in amazement. He started to speak, and then turning suddenly to Attorney Reed, he exclaimed: "Did I Judge?"

Mr Reed, almost in a whisper, and with a smile on his face, replied: "Yes, you wrote a letter to the President about Knox's appointment."

Before the ironmaster was quizzed as to his views on the tariff, several members of the committee heckeled him about the ignorance of his partners and himself about the laws.

Mr. Carnegie flatly told the committee that he believed there was no necessity for a protective tariff on steel. He said in the infancy of the industry it was needful, but that infancy had been outgrown long ago.

"I have consistently advocated reduction in the tariff before Congress," he said, "and I told President McKinley just before he went to Buffalo to make his reciprocity speech in 1901 that America needed no tariff on steel. I would make an exception of needles, because that is a great business and as yet we make none in this country, so far as I know."

Mr. Carnegie explained that this country need not fear foreign importation of steel in case of free trade.

Mr. Carnegie gave the committee several illustrations of his power to get business when he was in the steel market.

"Why, take rails, for instance," he continued. "I had many close friends in the railroad business. I remember once the Union Pacific had asked for bids for 70,000 tons of rails and the bids were to be opened at Omaha. All my competitors were out there. I walked over to Sidney Dillon of the Union Pacific, in New York. I had done the Union Pacific a favor once, got them a loan of something like $600,000 in Philadelphia and then elected me and George M. Pullman directors.

"I told Dillon about the bids and asked him if the Carnegie rails were satisfactory. He said they were. I said, 'I want the Union Pacific to do business with me and I'll give you the lowest price.' He said, 'All right Carnegie' and I got the 70,000 tons contract."

Mr. Carnegie was questioned at length about the price of steel rails, the committee seeking to establish if possible whether $28 a ton for rails was a fair or unfair price, or the price for which they have sold since the organization of the steel trust.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts and Mr. Carnegie had a tilt, Mr. Gardner becoming quite agitated and Mr. Carnegie refusing to be flustered.

"Do you believe $28 a ton a reasonable charge for steel rails at the present time?" demanded Mr. Gardner.

"I think it is a liberal price."

"Would $25 be a fair price?"

"I don' want to sit here as a critic on my successors."

"Was $28 a reasonable or unreasonable price for rails when you left the business?"

"I would like to ask my counsel a question," Mr. Carnegie replied. "I think your questions are a bit unreasonable."

"Mr Carnegie, in view of the examination of the last two days," said Mr. Gardner emphatically, "I do not think I am unreasonable. It seems to me that you are reluctant to answer questions which are of interest. You were unable to tell us about the steel plate pools, you could tell us nothing about the book value of your properties and now when we ask you about what you thought a fair price of rails you turn to your counsel for advice."

"I turn to my counsel because at that time there might have been a boom in rails and the price had been upped," said Mr Carnegie. "I do not think $28 an unreasonable price. If there was a boom the price would have been higher.

"I was in the business of making money and wanted the highest price I could get. If I wanted to sell for $50 and the consumer was satisfied to buy at that price, that would be unfair, would it?"

Andrew Carnegie concluded his testimony on Friday. He admitted that in 1900 he had contributed $15,000 to oppose the policy of imperialism and the annexation of the Philippines, assailed Wall Street and branded "stock jobers as parasites," urged the Roosevelt policy in preference to that of President Taft in dealing with the trusts, and asked Congress to consider carefully that problem.

"Mr. Carnegie," asked Chairman Stanley, "in the organization of the Carnegie Steel Company of New Jersey, why did you divide your stock into $1,000 shares?"

"To keep them off the stock exchange," was Mr. Carnegie's quick reply.

"Why did you want to keep them off the stock exchange?"

"Because I did not believe in stock jobbing. Because I did not wish to have my partners in business tempted to speculation. I never in my life bought or sold a share of stock on the speculative market."

"Do you believe that a corporation should by law be given the right to buy and sell its own stock on the Stock Exchange?"

"That is a new question," Mr. Carnegie answered, hesitatingly. "I've never heard it raised before. I would like to think that over and write you a note of views."

"Do you believe it a safe policy in the interest of shareholders who do not gamble, and do not believe in it, for it to be possible that any corporation might gamble in its stocks?"

"I am against all stock gambling."

Representative McCulloughy somewhat confused Mr. Carnegie with a fire of questions seeking to show that a plan was formulated to organize the United States Steel Corporation before Mr. McKinley was elected President in 1900 and that the deal was consummated soon after his election. He brought out the fact that Carnegie had told McKinley to have nothing to do with imperialism or the acquisition of the Philippines.

"In fact, were you not very much opposed to the policy of imperialism?"

"Yes, I was; and I asked Mr. McKinley not to have anything to do with it. I was opposed to the acquisition of the Philippines."

"Didn't some of the Morgan people come to you and tell you that it was necessary to elect McKinley in order to form this United States Steel Corporation?"

"No such thing ever occurred," Mr. Carnegie replied shortly.

"It is only my private opinion," he said, as he smiled the Carnegie smile, "and I would not say this for publication, but it has always been a source of wonder to me that the steel corporation, instead of going to Gary, Ind., to build their new works and spending twice as much money, did not carry out my Connecticut plans. If they had, I know the United States Steel Stock would be much more valuable than it is today."

Chairman Stanley told Mr Carnegie of intimations that he was about to be enmeshed by Morgan, Gary, Gates and a gigantic competive combine against the Carnegie Steel Company just before the steel corporation's proposal was made and suggested that there were reports current that he was a sick man, who could be easily induced.

"Well, I was still able to take sustenance," said Mr. Carnegie, "but they approached me at a good time. I had already formed a determination of my career. I had determined that I would not spend my old age in making more dollars. I had all the money I wanted and I demonstrated that some time before, when the Moores sought an option on the works and I had left it to my partners to decide."

The Committee led Mr. Carnegie into a discussion again of the time the Moore brothers, W. H. and J. R., sought an option on his plant, when his partner H. C. Frick conducted the negotiations and Mr. Carnegie demanded $2,000,000 for the option because the names of the prospective purchasers were not disclosed. It was brought out that his partners, Frick and Phillips, were interested themselves in the option which eventually failed.

He said Mr. Schwab was correct in saying that while they could make pig iron cheaper in Birmingham, there were not available ores in that district not already controlled by present manufacturers.

Representative Gardner said the Steel Corporation's cancellation of the Hill lease of the Great Northern ores would be a basis for one new company.

"It is my opinion," said Mr. Carnegie, "that the United States Steel Corporation is giving up these ores for no other reason than that they have come to the conclusion it is an unprofitable investment."

The committee served a subpena on Judge J. H. Reed of Pittsburg, Mr Carnegie's counsel and president of the Steel Corporation's Union and Pittsburg & Bessemer and Lake Erie railroads. Judge Reed was present Secretary of State Knox's partner. As counsel for the Carnegie company in 1899-1900, when the company is declared to have been party to illegal pools.

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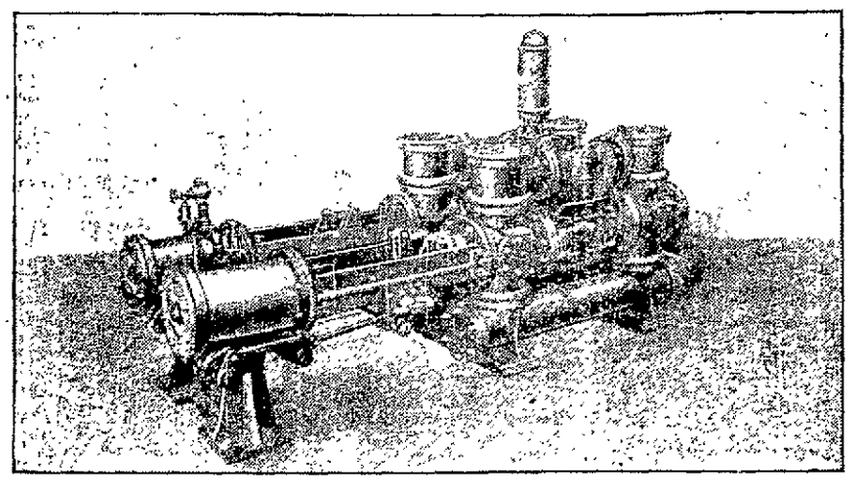

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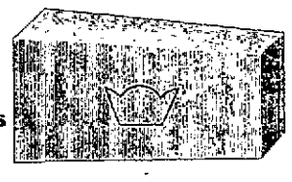

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